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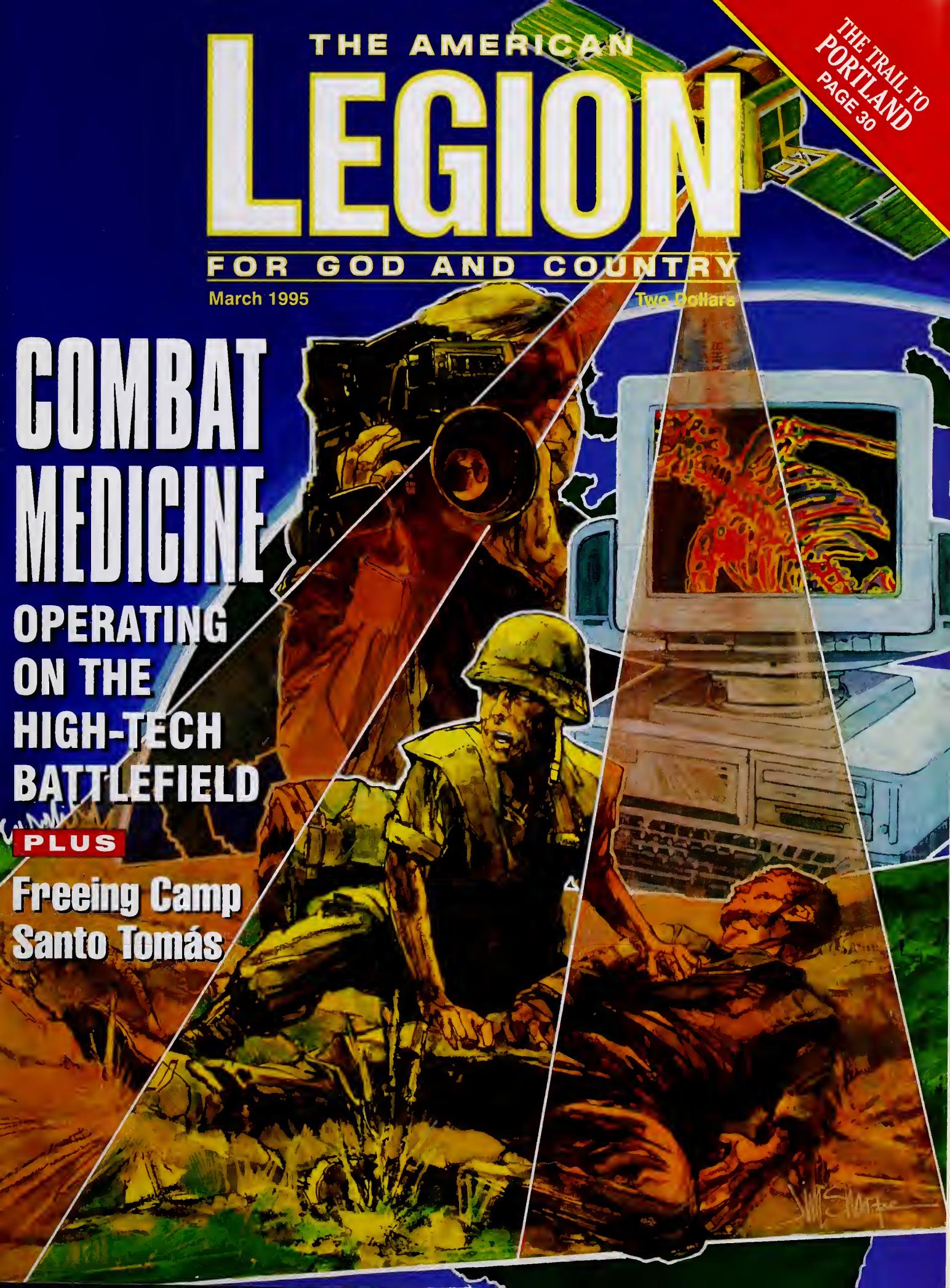
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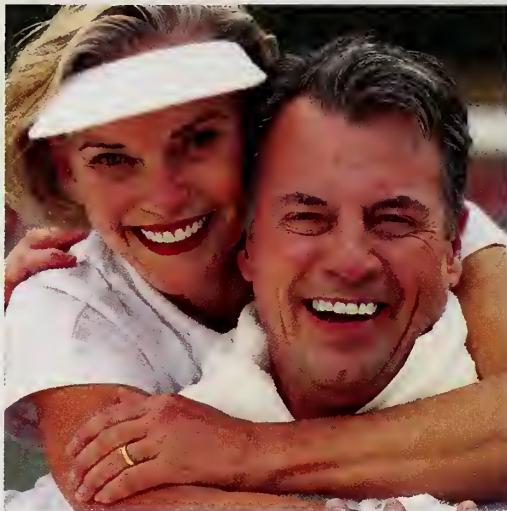
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*Jerry Kessel  
Galesburg, Ill.*

## Ike Error

Congratulations on another superb issue commemorating World War II. December's "The War Years—The End Is In Sight" by Norman Goldstein is excellent. I would like to correct an error in the sidebar "Why Ike Was Liked." Gen. Eisenhower did not die at his Gettysburg, Pa., home. He died March 28, 1969, at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. His wife, Mamie, also died at Walter Reed.

*James P. Stueve  
Public Affairs Specialist  
Walter Reed Army Medical Center  
Washington, D.C.*

## Senseless Census

Because mistakes on census records cannot be corrected by the Census Bureau, they blur the real history of our country ("Who Is America?" December). In the 1990 census, for example, there was confusion between the categories "Indian American" and "Asian Indian." Also, when vast numbers of Slovaks came to these shores before and after the turn of the century from Austria-Hungary, they were counted as either Austrians or Hungarians.

*Michael Fedor  
Hollidaysburg, Pa.*

## On Guard

I want to speak on behalf of legal state militias which are composed of law-abiding citizens who support their

states and the U.S. government ("Citizen Militias," Washington Watch, December). By the way, according to the U.S. Constitution, the militia is composed of all citizens. Most states have militias that are approved by the Department of Defense to help the National Guard in times of emergency. Their true goal is to support National Guard soldiers. Just because radical groups use militias as a name does not mean all militias are gun-crazed terrorists.

**V** *Ron W. Sewell  
Lexington, N.C.*

## Enola Gay

While it is true that we destroyed two cities in two flashes, it is also true that our actions saved the rest of Japan from annihilation, and who knows how many of our own men ("Rewriting Enola Gay's History," November by Brian Smith). I tell our children had it not been for the bomb, they would never have been born.

Legionnaires, keep plugging. Tell the Enola Gay story like it really was—that she actually saved lives. And the fear of that horrible monster

bomb may still be saving lives today.

*Lillian Swoboda  
Battle Creek, Neb.*

The use of atomic bombs at Hiroshima and Nagasaki may not have looked good or civilized, but war is not good or civilized. Let us also not forget that the bombs may have ended the war, but it was the heroism of millions of American men and women that put us in a position to win the war. To them, we owe a very special debt of gratitude. Let us make sure that America's school children are taught the correct history of World War II, not what the revisionists wish them to know.

*William F. Laverty  
Millburn, N.J.*

The article, "Rewriting Enola Gay's History," corroborates that there are forces being subsidized by our own tax money that would defame, humiliate and dishonor the men in our armed forces past and present. The Smithsonian should tell their sober, one-sided story to those poor brave men entombed in the Arizona.

*Ralph J. Cramer  
Huntingdon, Pa.*

It looks like the Smithsonian has jumped on the politically correct bandwagon. I watched the Enola Gay debate on *Nightline*, Oct. 25, 1994, between National Commander William Detweiler and the Smithsonian representative. It became obvious to me that the Smithsonian was eventually going to display the Enola Gay with their interpretation of its mission.

I am sure there are a lot of veterans like myself who would cancel their memberships with the Smithsonian in protest of a display that portrayed the United States as the villain in the war against Japan.

*James E. Laughlin  
Virginia Beach, Va.*

To those who take issue with the decision to use the atom bomb to end the war: Check out the details of the battle for Okinawa. On this island 60 miles long and 2 to 18 miles wide, the total American battle casualties were

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49,151, including 12,520 young American men killed or missing. Certainly, this battle played a large role in the decision to drop the bomb in August.

■ *Robert S. Arvans  
Willowbrook, Ill.*

Please add my loud support in depicting the factual history of the Enola Gay. We should not forget the joy that followed shortly after the Japanese surrender.

*G. Robert Bock  
Rapid City, S.D.*

The Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion includes the following: "...to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars..."

Perhaps some other people should do the same.

*Dan Welle  
Hamilton, Mont.*

As a WWII veteran of the Pacific campaign, I was gratified to see The American Legion setting things straight about the Enola Gay.

I named my only child Enola Gay and she has worn the name with pride.

*John Turgeon  
Chicopee, Mass.*

## Posting Competition

Postmaster W.S. Chasteen of Hodges, S.C., ("Pocketing Property," Vetvoice, November) hit the nail on the head when he observed that "cheating" companies use so-called urgent mail to get overnight and cheaper service. Maybe the Postal Service should take a look at the operations of their competition and get with a cost-effective and streamlined program. But I guess raising the price of stamps is easier. And besides, they have a monopoly, so why bother?

*Earl P. Thompson  
Two Rivers, Wis.*

## Pressing Issue

After reading the "Press's Prejudices," (November) I better understand the current attention being paid to a society that feels itself victimized. The interview subject, Joseph

Goulden, could chair a committee of whiners and complainers.

He offers the use of sensationalism as good journalism. Emotionalism is the bane of society, and I see too much emotionalism coming from sources such as Goulden. I distrust folks such as Goulden who discredit any voice that does not cater to one opinion. We must avoid the trend toward one political voice, one political party.

*J.W. Nugent  
Littleton, Colo.*

## A Question Of Service

I am writing to rebut a November letter by Mr. Jerold S. Weiner of Blairstown, N.J. ("Anniversary Issue," Vetvoice). President Clinton did not serve in the military, but he is commander-in-chief now and has voluntarily taken on a great and grave responsibility. He was elected to his office by the people, including veterans. Like all of us, he has made mistakes but as our President, he is due our respect and forgiveness. Abe Lincoln had no military record and also had serious problems before he proved himself.

*Evelyn C. Hendrixson  
Abilene, Texas*

## Stars And Stripes

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To desecrate Old Glory is a slap in the face to the millions of men and women who have fought and died in America's wars. Yes, more than anything else in America, Old Glory provides the glue to make America "one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all."

*Milton A. Braun  
Dallas*

I have recently been assigned to Alaska after two and one-half years at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, and for a true Flag waver, what a relief. Most

people, including myself, have taken our American Flag for granted. In our homeland, everywhere you look you can see a Flag, from farmhouses to the White House. It becomes so commonplace, you do not think about the true meaning of Old Glory. But after serving in a foreign country that will not let you fly the Stars and Stripes on a daily basis, you realize just how precious the Flag is. Each workday I looked at an empty flagpole in front of the U.S. Force-Turkey headquarters, and I stopped and thought about what an important symbol of democracy our Flag is. Don't let the sacrifices of our forefathers go up in smoke. Take a stand against Flag burners.

Thank you, American Legion, for your efforts in saving our Flag.

*Dean W. Hockney  
Eareckson Air Station, Alaska*

Has there been even one instance of Flag burning in the entire country in the past few years? The Flag Amendment would "protect" against exactly nothing, but it would cost your valuable rights of free speech.

As I suspected when I wrote my [earlier] letter regarding the erroneous position of the Legion on the Flag, you don't print letters which express contrary views.

*Albert R. Dilley  
Grand Rapids, Mich.*

*Editor's note:* Yes, we do. And yes, there have been recent incidents of Flag burning. See Legion News, page 40, for more information.

## Escape TV

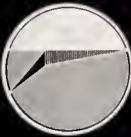
Just like so many other escapes in life, television can be an addiction and a scapegoat ("Screens of Violence," October). Excessive TV viewing is no different an obsession than eating, alcohol, drugs or intense sports preoccupations.

But parents have the power to turn off the set, or perhaps most importantly, guide the child's viewing.

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# NOTHING SHOULD OVERSHADOW THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF VETERANS

**T**HE SMITHSONIAN Institution finally realized what was really important when it announced that it would replace the Enola Gay exhibit, "The Last Act: The Atomic Bomb and the End of World War II." Instead, the famous airplane and a video of its crew's important mission will be shown at the National Air and Space Museum.

The original script for the exhibit, which *The Washington Post* called "anti-American," was flawed from the beginning. The American Legion had pointed out many mistakes in the Smithsonian's version of World War II events, but the museum seemed more interested in interpreting history rather than commemorating America's victory and the courage of its veterans.

The Enola Gay, the B-29 that unleashed the atomic bomb on Hiroshima and helped the United States win World War II, became an object to spur debate about what we should or shouldn't have done in pursuit of victory. Instead of honoring the contributions of World War II veterans, the script questioned our use of atomic weapons. It ignored the fact that the Japanese had the resolve to fight to the last man and would have never surrendered before countless GIs were unnecessarily killed.

I. Michael Heyman, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, finally admitted that the museum was in error. "We at the Smithsonian do not want to have this controversy overshadow the recognition that our veterans so richly deserve," he said in a prepared statement on January 30.

*Nothing should overshadow the contributions of veterans.* Many Legionnaires are alive today because we used the atomic bomb. Said Charles R. Rhodes of Bay Ridge, Ohio, in a letter to THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE: "I have several friends and relatives who may never have been born



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had it not been for the Enola Gay."

President Truman's decision to use the atomic bomb on the Japanese in World War II was a proper, moral and just decision made for the purpose of saving American lives. Rather than appreciate the American lives that were saved, the Smithsonian's original script argued that in the summer of 1945 Japan was a defeated nation, and that the use of the atomic bomb was motivated by racism and vengeance.

Curators described the conflict as a war to defend Japan's unique culture from Western imperialism. They also said estimates of probable casualties in an invasion of the home islands were inflated.

Debate among historians, military experts and the Smithsonian raged over probable casualty numbers for a World War II invasion of Japan. This pointless exercise did not do justice to the historical significance of the Enola Gay's mission: to end World War II and save American lives.

We must remember so the world will not forget. It is unfortunate that the Smithsonian got caught in the throes of

revisionist history. It is unfortunate that it took a long time for the institution to realize that it was wrong.

In essence, the exhibit said the Americans were the aggressors and the Japanese were the victims. "The Last Act: The Atomic Bomb and the End of World War II," initially ignored the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the brutal treatment of U.S. prisoners of war, the Bataan Death March, atrocities committed by the Japanese against civilians during the Pacific fighting, and the mindset of the Japanese soldier, which would not allow him to surrender.

The American Legion and the American people deserve an exhibit that captures the big picture, that recognizes that the Enola Gay mission ended World War II, saved countless GIs and restored the peace that was shattered by Japanese aggression. Our role in World War II is something that we should all be proud of.

"The atomic bomb stopped the war," said Legionnaire Arthur Morimitsu in an interview with the Associated Press. Morimitsu fought as a GI in World War II as part of the Nisei (second generation) Japanese-Americans who were members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

"I know Japanese history," said Morimitsu. "Without the bomb, they would have kept fighting to the last person. The Americans would have suffered heavy casualties."

The Smithsonian Institution, by rethinking this display and removing its controversial script, has taken the first step in heeding its goal for World War II commemorations—*nothing should overshadow the contributions of veterans.* It's not a victory for The American Legion, it's a victory for all Americans.

Now, it is the responsibility of this great archive to build an exhibit that does justice to the World War II veteran. The American Legion stands ready to help the Smithsonian Institution see that nothing overshadows the contributions of veterans. □

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## SHOULD CONGRESS VOTE TO INCREASE MILITARY SPENDING?

### Sen. Dirk Kempthorne (R-Idaho)

For the past two years, I have had the honor of serving as a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee. In each of those years, I have voted against the annual defense bill passed by Congress because of my belief that we are not spending enough to ensure our national defense.

**YES**

Before the Armed Services Committee puts together its annual defense bill, we hold a series of hearings with the nation's top military leaders. We ask about the readiness of our forces, the morale among the troops, the need for new weapons systems and the military threat to our country. What I've heard troubles me.

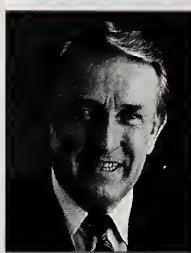
At one hearing, a leading general warned that our airlift capability is broken. At another, the Secretary of the Navy admitted that he could not afford all of the ships called for in the President's defense strategy. Often we heard about a growing backlog of necessary repairs to equipment and facilities worth billions of dollars. And recently, we read news reports of training exercises being canceled because the Department of Defense couldn't afford them. That is inexcusable. When we send our men and women into action, possibly into harm's way, we owe them the best equipment and best training available.

The trends resulting from current defense cuts are not encouraging. As this administration continues to cut defense spending, we will be forced to cut the size of our forces, reduce procurement of advanced weapons—which save American lives—and postpone repairs to our equipment and buildings. These actions will signal the return of the “hollow forces” we saw at the end of the Carter administration.

Worst of all, we are shortchanging the men and women who volunteer to wear the uniform of the United States. Last year, the President wanted to give our troops a 1.6 percent pay raise. Congress made cuts elsewhere to give our military personnel a 2.6 percent pay raise. If we do not give our military personnel and their families a decent quality of life, we will lose the good people we have today.

History has shown that a militarily strong America is a force for peace and prosperity around the world. We have cut our military too quickly and too deeply. That is why we must spend more on defense to protect America's national security interests.

### Sen. Dale L. Bumpers (D-Arkansas)

**NO**

Despite the end of the Cold War, critics of cuts in military spending say that America is headed toward a hollow military force. I disagree.

How can anybody conceive of us becoming a hollow force when we are spending \$260 billion a year on defense?

The real problem is that we have not been able to break out of our Cold War mentality.

With the collapse of the Soviet Union, we can now save hundreds of billions of dollars by canceling plans to buy more expensive defense systems designed to deter a Cold War.

For example, instead of spending \$4 billion to \$5 billion on new Trident II submarine ballistic missiles, we could continue to use the Trident I missiles we already have. Instead of buying 120 C-17 transports at \$450 million each, we should buy modified Boeing 747s or C-5s and get similar capability for about one-third the cost. Instead of paying \$20 billion for 20 more B-2 bombers, we could spend \$4 billion to fix our fleet of 96 B-1Bs. The list goes on and on.

Yet efforts to provide such common-sense choices get only a few votes in Congress, largely because of the influence of the big defense manufacturers, their high-paid lobbyists, and their contributions.

The time is past when we can continue to waste billions of dollars on needless programs simply because they happen to employ a few people in a certain congressional district.

The Pentagon faces a budget shortage of \$40 billion to \$150 billion over the next five years. Unless we cut unnecessary weapons programs, that amount will have to come out of military pay, retirement benefits, medical care, housing, commissaries, training, maintenance and other accounts which really are critical to the readiness of our armed forces and the well being of our military retirees and veterans.

Our armed forces could only become hollow if we fail to invest in our people, since even the best weapons are useless if they are not supported by the best people. It is the Haitis, the Somalias, the Iraqs that pose the most serious threat. Our money should be going into the things we are most likely to need.

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If Ross Perot is serious about launching a third party, he'd better stop talking and start petitioning. Richard Winger, editor of *Ballot Access News*, says Perot's group needs to begin collecting signatures no later than this summer to guarantee a spot on states' ballots by November 1996.

The obstacles to a third party are substantial, says Winger, with several states requiring a new party to qualify for the ballot more than a year before an election.

Winger notes that Perot got on the ballots in all 50 states in 1992 as a presidential candidate by securing 805,759 valid signatures. Mounting a challenge to the two-party system is another matter, though. For the 1994 election, a new party needed to collect 3,501,629 valid signatures if it wanted to run a full slate of candidates for federal and state offices.

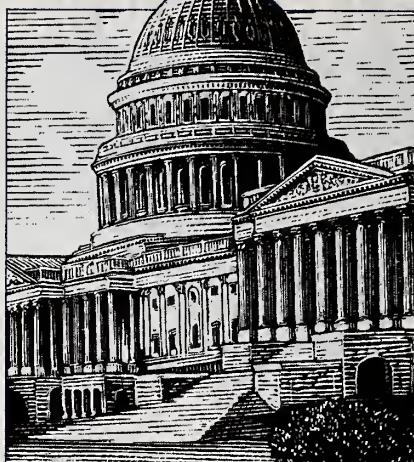
## Caustic Agents

Morale is plummeting at both the FBI and DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration), as insiders take pot shots at FBI Director Louis J. Freeh and his associate, DEA Director Thomas Constantine. Critics have accused Freeh in particular of cronyism, aloofness and indiscriminate swinging of the budget ax. They also cite a certain "kill the messenger" attitude on Freeh's part that leaves senior agents feeling hamstrung about whether or not to report to him with problems.

Ronald Kessler, whose 1993 book, *The FBI*, helped topple then-director William Sessions, has voiced many of the complaints publicly. Kessler says the feeling is growing among FBI middle-level managers that Freeh is running the esteemed agency like a "personal fiefdom," delegating authority largely to friends and former associates.

Meanwhile, at the DEA, this past December saw the sub rosa circulation of a poem—a dark version of "Santa Claus is Coming to Town"—which predicted among other things that undercover operations under Constantine would become "a joke." Some DEA agents are said to be unimpressed by Constantine's state-police

Washington-based Cliff Kincaid writes for Human Events and other publications.



## WASHINGTON WATCH

By Cliff Kincaid

background. They also accuse him of seeking to merge the agency into the FBI.

For the record, the DEA has denied any such plan.

### Goring Greenspan...

Capitol Hill has a juicy target if the economy goes sour: the Federal Reserve Board, responsible for the nation's monetary policy. In recent months the semi-independent agency has been acting a bit *too* independently for some folks' tastes.

Though President Bill Clinton has tried to work with Fed chairman Alan Greenspan, Democrats on Capitol Hill have blasted Greenspan's interest-rate hikes as detrimental to economic expansion. Greenspan defends the rate hikes as necessary to fight inflation.

Sen. Byron Dorgan of North Dakota intends to push Federal Reserve Board reform legislation that proposes open meetings for the secretive body and—in a fitting bit of turnabout, perhaps?—an audit of the Fed's own books. Dorgan contends the Fed has spent over \$1 billion without proper accounting.

Capitol Hill Republicans, however, are listening to economics writer Lawrence Kudlow, who wants the new Congress to continue pressuring the

Fed to keep fighting inflation by setting and enforcing hard-and-fast goals.

### ...and Big Business

Democrats in Congress are targeting "corporate welfare" for elimination. Citing a list compiled by the Progressive Policy Institute, they say the tax benefits for industry total over \$111 billion. Republicans will likely go along with most of the cuts.

Labor Secretary Robert Reich has urged the conservative-oriented Heritage Foundation and the Cato Institute to join in an attack on wasteful "business subsidies." The subsidies include programs benefiting agribusiness, the construction industry, timber companies, and oil, gas and mineral firms.

But Cato is also targeting the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for cutbacks. The influential think tank published a study urging VA to abandon its own health-care system and turn over veterans' health care to private providers, reimbursing them for the services.

Cato argued that VA's patient base is shrinking even though its budget is growing. It said VA this year is planning several new facilities, including another medical center.

### Good-bye Barney?

Observers are doubtful that House Speaker Newt Gingrich can carry through on his threat to "zero out" funds for public broadcasting. The reason? The lobbying effort to preserve the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) is being led by a woman with strong Republican credentials, CPB board member Sheila Tate, former press secretary for Nancy Reagan.

Tate, who now runs a lobbying firm with former Jimmy Carter press secretary Jody Powell, predicts freshmen Republican members of Congress will continue funding the CPB once they are "educated" about its value.

The CPB, with an FY '95 budget of \$285.6 million, dispenses tax dollars to public television and radio. It has come under fire for a perceived liberal bias as well as its occasional sponsorship of material some viewers find objectionable. CPB defenders fret that the loss of government funding will leave small noncommercial stations as extinct as the ancestors of public broadcasting's best-known symbol, Barney the purple dinosaur. □

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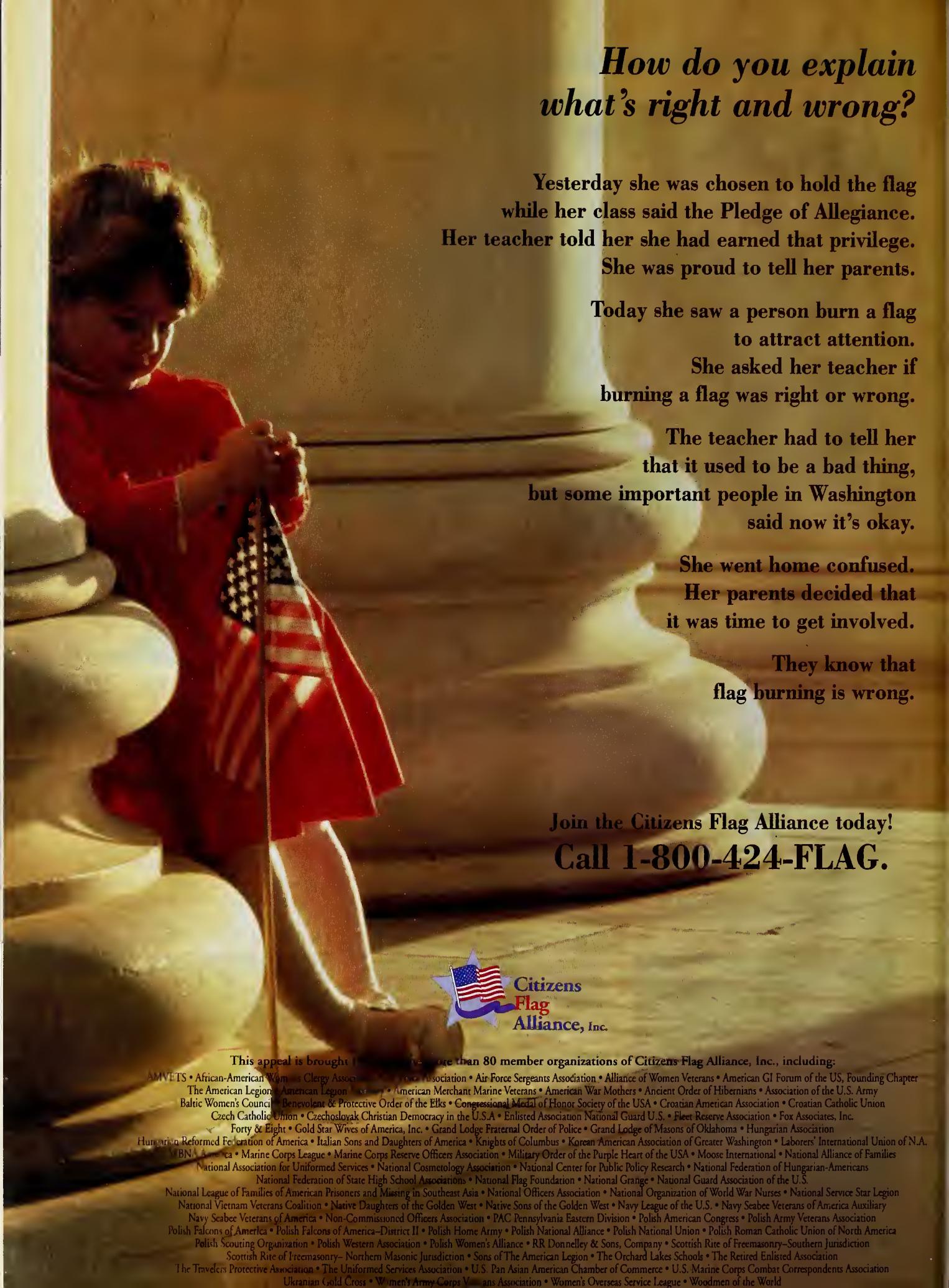
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# Crossing The Rhine

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**By Sid Moody**

**S**OME days you just get lucky. On March 7, 1945, some Yanks got very lucky when they found that a side door into Hitler's Germany had been left open. The capture of the Ludendorff railroad bridge at Remagen was so unexpected that one general advised against exploiting the opportunity because it wasn't in the plans.

"What in hell do you want us to do, pull back and blow it up?" Gen. Omar N. Bradley, commander of the U.S. 12th Army Group in Europe, snapped back at Maj. Gen. Harold R. "Pink" Bull, the paper-bound headquarters planner.

The Rhine had assumed vital importance to Hitler, whose last-gasp offensive had been checked in the Battle of the Bulge three months earlier. The natural barrier of the river represented Hitler's only remaining Western line of defense against the American, British, Canadian and French armies that were closing in.

For weeks, Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery, the British commander, had been preparing a massive, 32-division assault—Operation Plunder—across the Rhine near the Dutch border. Monty's deliberate, don't-move-till-everything's-in-place style had irked the Americans all across Europe. Particularly troubled was the quick-moving Gen. George Patton and his 3rd Army.

Monty wanted to be the spearhead of a single offensive across the Rhine and on to Berlin. Bradley, with the support of the overall Allied commander, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, favored several widely placed strikes into Germany. Destroying the German Wehrmacht—not beating the Russians to Berlin—was Bradley's goal.

The trip had never been smooth. On the night of March 2, tanks of the 2nd Armored Div. were actually driving onto a Rhine bridge in Urdingen when the Germans blew it up in their faces. The same day, scouts of the

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U.S. 83rd Div. found the bridge at Oberkassel intact. They crossed it, cutting wires to detonating charges, but during the night the Germans rewired the charges and exploded the bridge.

Such problematic sorties aside, Allied offensives continued. Operation Lumberjack by the U.S. 1st and 3rd armies was intended to clear the west bank of the Rhine from Cologne to Coblenz. Operation Undertone had the U.S. 7th Inf. and Algerian 3rd Inf. divisions driving to the river at the southern end of the line.

These plans were abruptly disrupted at 1300 hours on March 7 when Lt. Emmet J. Burrows peered through his field glasses at an astonishing sight. The Ludendorff railroad bridge spanning the Rhine at Remagen was still standing.

On paper, German Capt. Willi Bratge was defending the bridge with some 1,000 soldiers. In reality, he had only a handful of troops available. He also had other problems. Remagen townspeople had invoked an ancient law forbidding him from cutting down any tree to block approaches to the bridge. And his superior was more interested in defending Bonn, the hallowed birthplace of composer Ludwig Beethoven. Nonetheless, Bratge had decided to blow the bridge at 1520, using 60 pre-wired charges.

"My God!" exclaimed Maj. Ben Cothran, the operations officer for the division's Combat Command B, when he saw what Burrows saw. He imme-

diately radioed his boss, Brig. Gen. William M. Hoge, who had a knack for being in the thick of things. Hoge headed the initial building of the Alcan Highway, unloaded supplies on D-Day, and fought with distinction at the Bulge. He was now moving south to hook up with Patton but had hopes of snatching a bridge en route.

"Grab that bridge!" he ordered. Just then Hoge got orders to keep moving south. He ignored them.

Lt. Col. Leonard Engeman's 14th Tank Bn. and the 27th Armored Inf. Bn. quickly secured Remagen. Captured Germans told them the bridge was to go in 45 minutes. Tension built when, at 1435, a preliminary detonation blew a hole in the approaches. At 1535, a German sergeant ignited an emergency primer. When the smoke cleared, the bridge was still up.

"Let's get across. I'll see you on the other side, and we'll all have a chicken dinner," shouted the easygoing Maj. Murray Deevens, commander of the 27th Armored Inf. Bn. No one moved.

"Get going!" Deevens now ordered. Co. A, led by 2nd Lt. Karl H. Timmerman, took off at a run as artillery shielded their dash with smoke shells. Sgt. Alexander Drabik, a 34-year-old former butcher from Holland, Ohio, ran so fast his helmet fell off. Dodging bullets, Drabik was the first over and

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**2-WAY TRAFFIC—**  
As GIs stream over the Rhine into Germany, captured Nazi troops are herded west to prison camps.

quickly jumped into a shell crater.

"We ran down the middle of the bridge shouting as we went," Drabik recalled later. "I knew if we kept going they couldn't hit me. Then we just sat and waited for the others to come."

Sgt. Joseph DeLisio had been in the lead but stopped to run up the tower at the east end of the bridge, emerging with seven prisoners.

"Holy crap! Do you think we'll make it?" Marvin Jensen yelled to DeLisio as they ran.

Lt. Hugh Mott's engineers were right behind, slicing the wrist-thick detonating cables along the way. By 1520, the planned time of detonation, there were 100 Americans across the Rhine. Mott and his troopers had the bridge ready for tanks by 1830. (Mott later went on to retire as a major general and was commander of American Legion Post 5 in Nashville, Tenn., for 10 years.)

Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges, commander of the 1st U.S. Army, relayed the news to Bradley. "Hot dog, Courtney, this will bust him wide open!" Bradley exclaimed. "Shove everything you can across it."

Bradley turned to Bull. "There goes your ball game, Pink."

"You've got a bridge, but it's in the wrong place," Bull replied. "It just doesn't fit the overall plan." It was then that the normally equable Bradley descended to sarcasm, asking if Bull wanted the bridge blown.

Bull did have a point. The east end of the crossing was overlooked by a 600-foot cliff. Troops then had to negotiate six miles of forest before reaching a stretch of autobahn. But Eisenhower was delighted when he got the news about Remagen that evening. Mindful of not undercutting the proud and easily irritated Montgomery, Ike told Bradley to exploit the Remagen crossing, but limited him to five divisions.

Years later Bradley admitted he was "a little deceitful" in cramming as many men and as much materiel across the Rhine as he could to present Ike with a fait accompli. Bradley's plan all along had been a multiple offensive into Germany. Based on past experience, he had little faith that Montgomery would deliver on his

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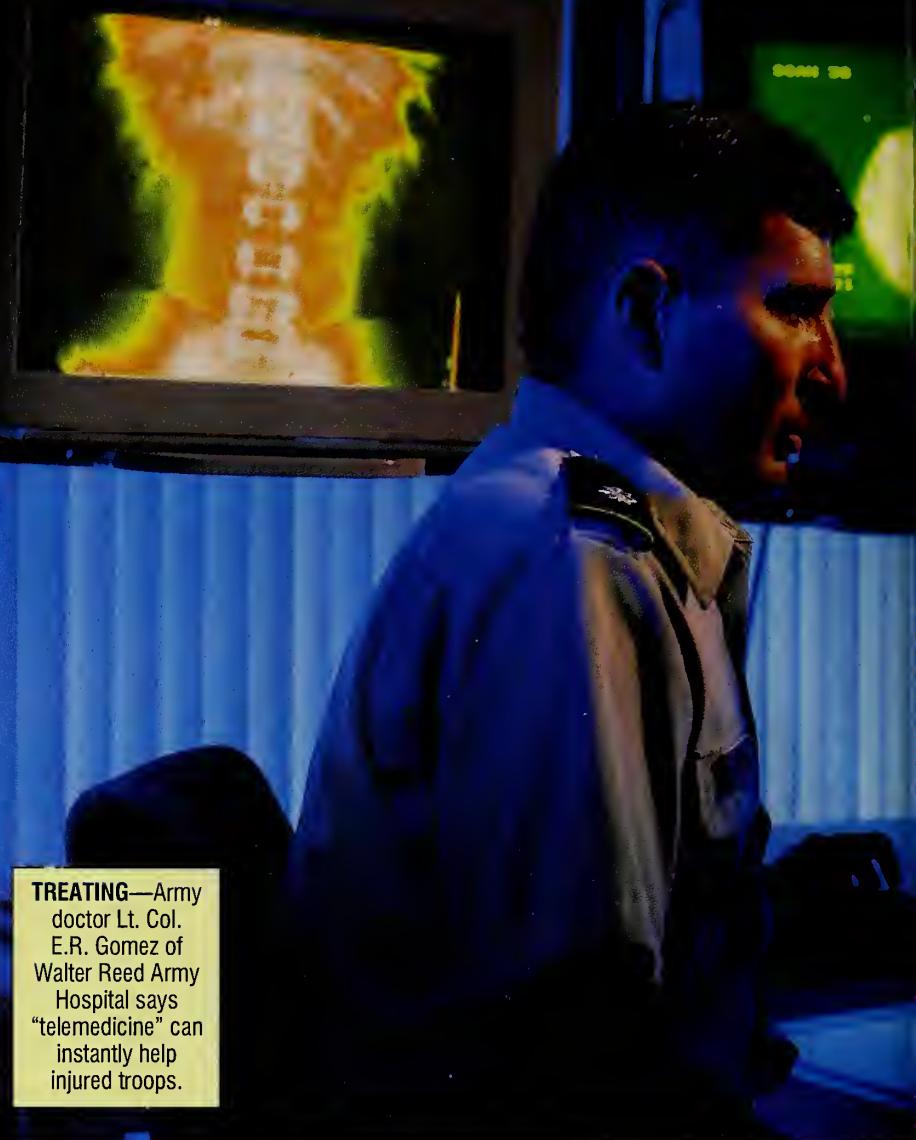
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# The Cutting Edge Of COMBAT MEDICINE

By Steve Salerno

**A**N AMERICAN GI attached to a U.N. peace-keeping force in the Baltics is wounded in a sudden fierce firefight. Uncertain of the extent of internal injuries or the risk involved in repairing the suspected damage, medics on-site decide to consult with their col-



**TREATING**—Army doctor Lt. Col. E.R. Gomez of Walter Reed Army Hospital says “telemedicine” can instantly help injured troops.

leagues back in the United States.

They take X-rays of the affected area and relay them via satellite to Bethesda Naval Hospital. Seconds later, two medical teams—one in Maryland, one in faraway Southern Europe—begin debating several medical options. Still in doubt, the Bethesda doctors use a computer to make a three-dimensional mock-up of the wound, which they modem to skilled specialists. Based on what they see, the U.S.-based team renders its verdict: Prompt surgery is indicated.

Though it may sound like something out of *Star Trek*, the foregoing

scene describes a system battle-tested in Somalia and now in place among U.S. forces in Croatia. This innovation—*telemedicine*—demonstrates how far combat medicine has come since the techniques and practices depicted in such TV shows as *M\*A\*S\*H*.

“It’s a whole new world out there,” says Elizabeth Mauger, chief spokesperson for the Air Force Surgeon General’s Office. “And the progress is continually ongoing.”

Indeed, thanks to startling technological breakthroughs—affecting everything from the smallest medical utensils to the design and construction of the field hospitals where those utensils are used—soldiers nowadays go into battle with markedly greater odds of survival and post-military quality of life.

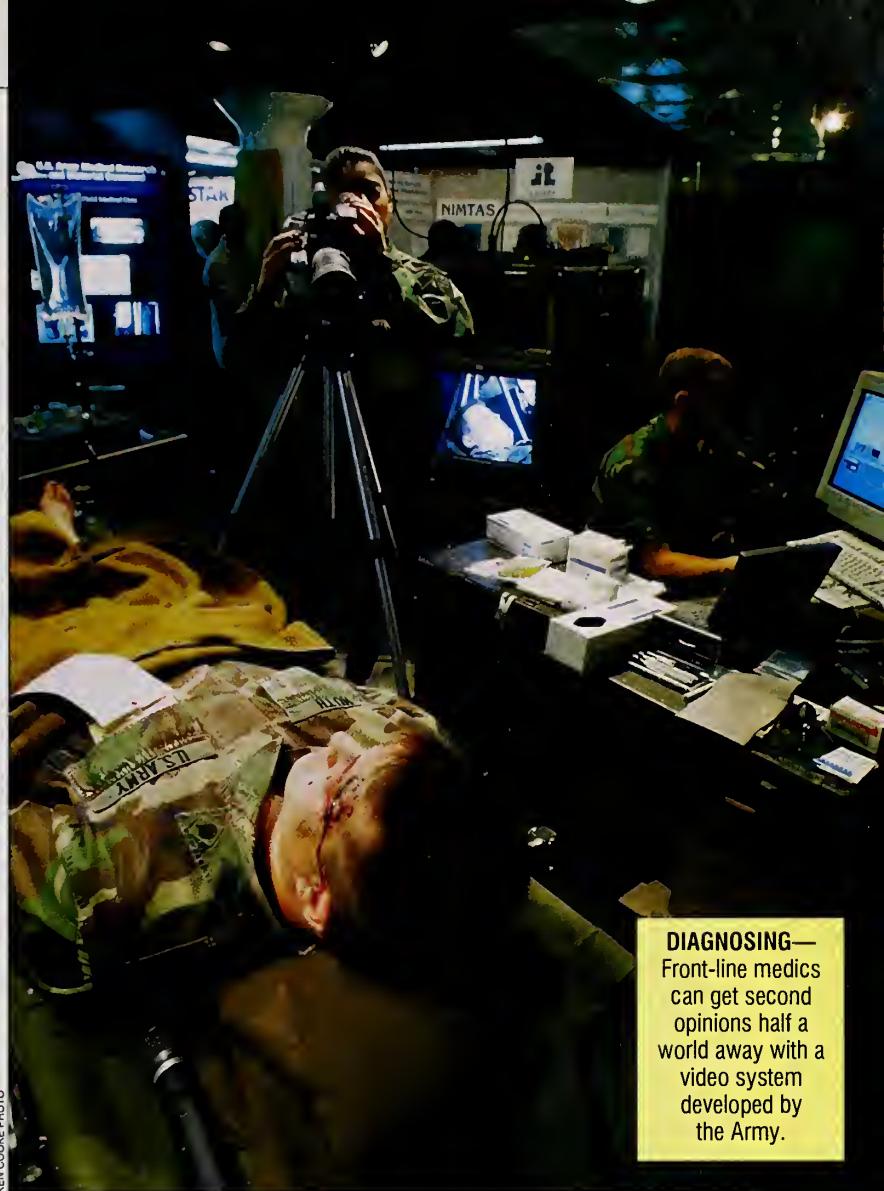
## HELPFUL HARDWARE

Just as computer automation has

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**DIAGNOSING—**  
Front-line medics can get second opinions half a world away with a video system developed by the Army.

revolutionized most other aspects of American society, it is transforming the practice of combat medicine. When Army Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf was asked how his Allied forces managed to crush the much-ballyhooed Iraqi defenses, he gave a one-word reply: "Computers." Though Schwarzkopf was speaking more of missiles than medicine, the point applies here as well. And nowhere is the role of computer technology more noticeable than in telemedicine.

**C**ONSIDER the Army's imaginative Remote Clinical Communication System (RCCS), which links three pieces of modern electronic wizardry—the video camera, the communications satellite (COMSAT) and the desk-top computer. RCCS-equipped battlefield personnel can videotape wounds and other medical emergencies just as newscasters with minicams can provide live coverage of stories.

The images are transmitted back to fixed medical stations tucked safely to the rear, or even continents away. This allows front-line medics the luxury of obtaining second opinions before beginning or ending medical treatment.

"Field medical personnel are no longer alone out there on a limb," says Pentagon medical specialist Air Force Col. Doug Hart. "From a consulting standpoint, they have access to just about everything modern medicine has to offer."

The tele-med network relies on "visualization software" that creates computer graphics which were unheard of as little as five years ago. Users back at the command center can easily distinguish the whirls in a fingerprint or abnormalities in a group of white

**PREVENTING—**  
Navy Cmdr. Dr. Kevin Hanson, chief epidemiologist for the Army and Marine Corps, created a system to monitor troops' diseases.



blood cells, says Army doctor Lt. Col. Edward R. Gomez of Walter Reed Army Hospital, a chief cog in the RCCS program.

The hardware and software work together to provide unprecedented benefits for combat troops. Gomez describes an incident in which a soldier who had a bullet removed from his back began having seizures following surgery. "We thought they might be a symptom of irreversible nerve damage," the doctor recalls. "But 3-D imaging revealed a small fragment lodged near the spine that was causing irritation to adjacent nerves." Without the advantage of such technology, says Gomez, the soldier, who has since fully recovered, risked continued unnecessary pain and permanent nerve damage.

The system may be just as valuable for its ability to show when surgery *isn't* required, according to Lt. Mark McDonald of the Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED), which monitors and administers health care for the Navy and Marine Corps. McDonald tells of a Marine in Zagreb, Croatia whose chest X-ray revealed "a dull spot" on a lung. "Using telemedicine, they compared the new X-ray side by side on the [computer] screen with an old X-ray from his medical files back in the States. And they determined that the dull spot was an existing condition." The comparison saved the Marine from exploratory surgery that would have been risky and pointless.

Once telemedicine is universally deployed, fatalities and crippling injuries may be cut by as much as 20 percent, according to some Pentagon estimates. "The key is the ability to do these things in real time," stresses McDonald. Adds Walter Reed's Gomez, "A major problem in battle has always been keeping someone alive until you reached the nearest medical facility. With [telemedicine] this is far less of a problem today, and becoming less so all the time."

As these advances are publicized, soldiers increasingly will enter battle with healthier mental outlooks, says the Navy's McDonald. An injured soldier wants to believe—as the decision is made to take his limb—that every possible medical consideration was factored in.

## COMBAT MEDICINE



utes, cutting troops off from supply lines. In past wars, countless soldiers died because equipment couldn't be brought to the front in time. By making medical equipment as compact as possible, planners vastly increase the number and variety of items that can travel with the troops. Fewer injured soldiers will have to await supply trucks or special requisitions.

Some examples of today's "smaller-is-better" goal:

- The Army and Marines have deployed lightweight *mini-defibrillators*. Used to "jump start" a stalled heart, these electro-shock paddles are about the size of standard telephone handsets. They are totally self-contained, thereby eliminating the copying-machine-sized equipment that powers hospital defibrillators.

- Notepad and briefcase computers are being introduced to aid medical decision-making. Says Camp Pendleton-based Navy Cmdr. Dr. Kevin Hanson, chief epidemiologist for the Army and Marine Corps, "A lot of infectious diseases look alike to the clinician. Somebody has a fever, but you don't necessarily know what caused it. So there has been a lot of 'high tech' applied to the diagnostics in the field," Hanson says of the many software programs that now help sort out and differentiate between symptoms and illnesses.

He says the labs in forward areas of Somalia boasted diagnostic facilities that "probably even exceed what you'd find back at Walter Reed."

- The Navy has invented an automated lap-top translator enabling a doctor to interview a patient who speaks a different language. Says McDonald, "You pick a phrase that you want to say in one of the languages you have in the program."

The system represents a quantum leap in tackling one of the most vexing problems posed by doing battle in far-away lands. It is particularly useful given today's humanitarian missions and joint exercises with troops from other nations.

## POTENT PORTABLES

**By making medical equipment as compact as possible, the number and variety of items that can travel with troops are vastly increased.**

Meanwhile, family members at home can rest more easily knowing that front-line action in some remote nation does not mean being separated from top-notch medical expertise. "When you have sons or daughters in service," says the Pentagon's Hart, "you're never completely at peace. But it certainly helps to think that these kinds of resources are available in case the worst happens."

### POTENT PORTABLES

*Portability* is a second battlefield watchword, again following a trend in civilian life. The more cumbersome a piece of gear, the greater the logistics problems in getting it to the front lines. Plus, there's the unpredictability of the combat environment: A battlefield situation can deteriorate in min-

### FUTURISTIC FACILITIES

The glamour project among today's medical facilities is *CHATH*—the odd-sounding acronym that stands for

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## Artist From No-Man's Land

# The Triumph of Horace Pippin

By Stephen May



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How one disabled WWI veteran and Legionnaire overcame disability and prejudice to become a nationwide art sensation.

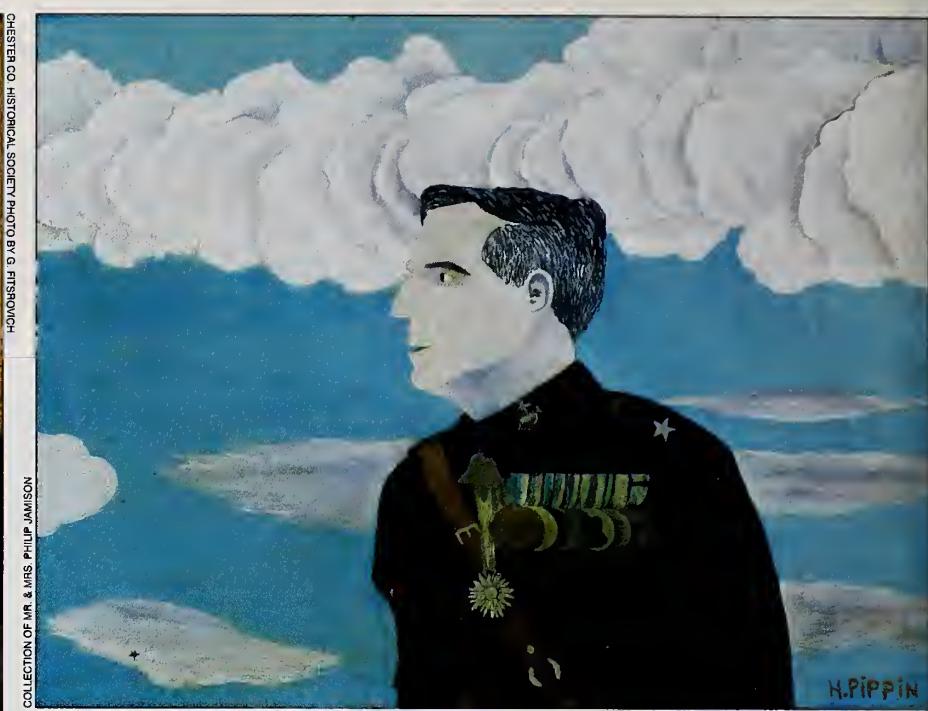
**T**HERE WERE no chroniclers, no painters, no writers reaching greatness because of World War I," Marine veteran Laurence Stallings once wrote. But Stallings, the co-author of the celebrated play, *What Price Glory?*, overlooked Legionnaire Horace Pippin.

Pippin, an African-American, overcame obstacles of race and handicap to become an overnight sensation in the American art world in the 1940s. Many consider

Pippin the foremost self-trained American artist of the 20th century.

It was in the trenches of France in 1918 that Pippin found his first subjects and, ironically, suffered the grievous wounds that launched his brief but illustrious artistic career. "When I was a boy I loved to make pictures,"

**VISIONS OF WAR**—Pippin taught himself to paint as therapy for his physical and mental wounds from World War I. Left, "Bursting Shells" and above, "Self-portrait."



**LEGIONNAIRE**—Pippin, a member of Post 362 in West Chester, Pa., painted veterans he met at Legion activities: "Portrait of Paul Dague" above, and "Major General Smedley D. Butler, U.S. M.C., Retired" above right.

**WARSCAPE**—Pippin said the tragedy of World War I motivated him to paint "Shell Holes and Observations Balloon," right.

he wrote in his memoirs, but it was World War I that "brought out all the art in me. I can never forget the suffering and I will never forget the sunsets. So I came home with all of it in my mind and I paint from it today."

Dropping out of school at age 14 to help support his family, Pippin knocked around in a series of menial jobs. In 1917, at age 29, he enlisted in the 15th Rgt. of the New York National Guard. At the end of 1917, his all-black unit and its white officers were sent to France where they became part of the 369th Inf. Rgt., 93rd Div.

Reluctant to integrate American units by assigning black soldiers to

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previously white regiments, the American high command placed Pippin's 369th under the control of the French army.

One of the white officers assigned to Pippin's Co. K was Capt. Hamilton Fish—later an American Legion founder and long-time congressman from New York. Fish recalled later that when his troops turned in their American equipment, they were issued French rifles, helmets and "canteens that had no water but—much to the

delight of the men—were filled with French wine."

The 369th was in the thick of the bloody Champagne-Marne and Aisne-Marne battles in the summer of 1918, and the costly Meuse-Argonne offensive that fall. Serving 191 days on the frontlines—longer than any other American regiment—they never lost an inch of ground or had a man captured by the enemy. In tribute, the French government awarded the Croix de Guerre to the "Harlem Hell Fight-



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**OVERCOMING IGNORANCE**—In the 1943 painting "Mr. Prejudice," Pippin warned against allowing racial intolerance to divide America on its way to victory in World War II.

ers," as they came to be known.

In one of the few autobiographical accounts by an African-American soldier to come out of World War I, Pippin recounted his nightmarish wartime memories in inexpensive copy books, illustrated with pencil and crayon drawings of marching troops, gas-masked soldiers, exploding shells and aerial dogfights. In spite of misspellings and awkward grammar, Pippin's combat memoirs vividly convey the bone-chilling cold, ceaseless rain,

constant gunfire and deadly poison gas the troops suffered as they huddled in what he dubbed "them lonely, cooty, muddy trenches."

Assigned to patrols into "no-man's land," Pippin participated in the brutal, molelike combat of the Western Front, where an advance of a few dozen yards was a major victory in itself.

Of his fateful, final mission, Pippin wrote, "I seen a machine gun... [and] I got him." But when he went after another machine gunner, "he let me have it." Bullets shattered Pippin's right shoulder and arm, and the right-handed soldier tumbled into a deep shell hole. Pinned down by sniper fire, he lost much blood and was unable to move. After hours in the cold and rain, he was rescued, only to lay in a

stretcher exposed to the elements for some time before being evacuated to a hospital.

Honorably discharged with a small disability pension, Pippin returned to civilian life in West Chester. Because the Bible taught that all men were brothers, his wartime experience of suffering and killing depressed and confused him.

Worse still, his right arm was virtually paralyzed. The limb would become a haunting, lifelong reminder of the horrors of trench warfare.

For years, Pippin scraped by on his pension, income from odd jobs and his wife's earnings from taking in washing. A dignified, friendly but reticent man, he organized a Boy Scout troop, umpired neighborhood ball games and was involved in the Elks Club and church activities. For several years he served as Commander of Nathan Holmes Post 362, the local Legion Post where he helped set up a drum and bugle corps. As a wounded veteran, he participated in patriotic activities and proudly wore his Purple Heart after it was belatedly awarded to him in 1945.

To combat frequent "blue spells" and rehabilitate his injured limb, Pippin decided he would try to express himself through some form of art work. At the outset he took a burning poker to wood, then he tried charcoal drawings, always supporting his weakened right arm at the wrist with his

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## Pippin On Exhibit

THE TRAVELING exhibition, "I Tell My Heart: The Art of Horace Pippin," comprising 80 of his works, includes most of his war-related paintings. It was organized by curator Judith E. Stein of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. Sponsored by Philip Morris Companies Inc., the show can be seen at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City from Feb. 1 through April 30, 1995. Pippin is the first African-American artist to have a one-man exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum, suggesting the high esteem in which his work is held in the art world. □

# TRUE LIES

## Inside The POW/MIA Cover-up

*A POW/MIA expert divulges what the government never wanted you to know about the thousands of GIs left in enemy hands after World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the Cold War.*

**A**MERICANS were held by North Vietnam after the war ended and our government failed to respond aggressively to show a firm commitment to bring them home," says POW/MIA expert Bill Bell.

That's not what the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs wanted to hear, he claims. In fact, certain members of the committee made it clear they didn't want any testimony from him that would spark controversy or drag out the hearings.

Disgusted with the committee's "lack of sincerity," Bell formed the National Veterans Research Center in Fort Smith, Ark., to assist families of POW/MIAs—and to ask the questions whose answers the Senate POW/MIA panel was too afraid to hear.

Bell is former head of the U.S. Office for POW/MIA Affairs in Hanoi, former chief of operations of the Joint Casualty Resolution Center in Hawaii, and has worked for the Pentagon's Defense Intelligence Agency on the POW/MIA issue.

For 26 years, he has investigated the cases of U.S. servicemen listed as prisoners of war or missing in action. In this interview with THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, he explains why America failed to bring home some of its POW/MIAs, and how such a tragedy can be prevented in the future.

**AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE:** How has the government failed to keep faith with our POW/MIAs?

**BILL BELL:** Americans were held by Vietnam after the war ended and our government failed to respond aggressively to show a firm commitment to bring them home until it was too late and the trail was cold. We made mistakes

after World War II, Korea and the Cold War, too. And the families of our POW/MIAs have suffered.

**Q. Why have you formed a group to help these families?**

**A.** There are 78,000 Americans listed as MIA from World War II, more than 8,000 from Korea and over 2,000 from Vietnam.

The families of these men no longer trust the U.S. government because it hasn't admitted its mistakes.

When the Vietnam War ended, our nation could have fought or negotiated for an honorable conclusion that included the fullest possible accounting of our POW/MIAs. Instead, we left men behind.

The National Veterans Research Center was formed to give the families of our POW/MIAs a place to go for independent research about their missing loved ones. We have about 15 people who work on this issue—all volunteers—and we will not accept money from families. We're doing this because we want to see the status of our fellow veterans resolved honorably.

**Q. Who or what is responsible for our nation's failure on this issue?**

**A.** In the case of Vietnam, all the POW/MIAs are in Southeast Asia, but most of the people looking for them are in Hawaii or Washington, D.C. So you have 10,000 miles between the people missing and those looking for them.

From an intelligence standpoint, the real problem over the years has been that each agency has its own reporting channel. You have agencies in Southeast Asia under the control of U.S. embassies that don't report through military channels. They report through State Department channels. Important information gets lost in the translation.



Also, the United States didn't learn from the French the perils of getting into Vietnam or from the French mistakes in getting out of Vietnam. It's really startling how the information the French provided us about POW/MIA's has been very precise in terms of what has happened with our dealings with the Vietnamese.

The French paid the Vietnamese some \$10 million per year from 1954-1986, a total of about \$320 million. With our various humanitarian deals, we're nowhere near approaching that figure but we probably will be before we get any real cooperation out of the Vietnamese.

The French got 24,000 remains back in a four-month period in 1986 after having dealt with the Vietnamese all those years. The French, of course, knew the Vietnamese had those remains stored away, but they did not want it to become a political issue in their country. So their veterans administration decided to pay the money.

The United States, instead, made believe the Vietnamese were cooperating fully in order to keep the POW/MIA issue from entering domestic politics. It didn't always work.

Buying remains caused me considerable consternation during the time I was head of the U.S. POW/MIA Office in Hanoi because I was supposed to get in front of the media and say the Vietnamese were bending over backwards and their cooperation was very strong. But it simply wasn't true.

**Q. Why has the Vietnam War dominated the headlines on the POW/MIA issue? What about World War**

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## HIGHLIGHTS

### *Bill Bell On...*

**Our mistakes:** "All the POW/MIA's are in Southeast Asia but most of the people looking for them are in Hawaii or Washington, D.C. So you have 10,000 miles between the people missing and those looking for them."

**More mistakes:** "The United States didn't learn from the French the perils of getting into Vietnam or from the French mistakes in getting out of Vietnam."

**The cover-up:** "I think there were some people in our government who knew that prisoners were being held and exploited, but that information was never made available to the public."

**POW/MIA families:** "The families no longer trust the U.S. government because it hasn't admitted its mistakes."

Sanctions are an overrated tool politicians use to make them look decisive while they avoid making tough decisions about foreign policy.

By Peter Schweizer

**I**N RECENT times, economic sanctions have been as much a part of our international-affairs arsenal as any high-tech weapon or troop deployment. Over the past 20 years, the United States has employed such sanctions against Cuba, Vietnam, the Soviet Union, China, Libya, Syria, Iraq, Serbia, Haiti, South Africa and Poland—to name just a few. They have been used to protest acts of aggression against third-world countries, punish states engaged in terrorism, and express American concern over human rights. Halting the development of nuclear weapons by third-world tyrants is the latest aim of these sanctions.

Because they are used with such frequency, you might expect sanctions to have a long and successful track record. On the contrary, they have been a dismal failure, proving to be, as former National Security Adviser William Clark once said, “perhaps the most overrated tool in foreign policy.”

This has not prevented economic sanctions from being one of the most popular foreign policy tools of the Clinton administration. They are in progress against Haiti, Bosnia and North Korea, and they were almost

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# WHY INTERNATIONAL



adopted against China.

The reason they are used so regularly is simple:

*They are a convenient veil for inaction.*

If the administration were truly serious about sanctions, they would not be suggested as an *alternative* to military force. In order to work, sanctions require an effective military that can ensure compliance.

The idea of using economic sanctions and blockades is as old as actual warfare. The ancient Chinese strategist

Sun Tzu believed that surrounding your enemies and squeezing them to the brink of starvation was a tactic employed by the “wisest” of leaders. During the American Civil War, the Union was able to use its naval superiority to blockade Confederate ports with surprising effectiveness. In the 1920s, many members of the ill-fated League of Nations hoped that sanctions would replace armed warfare as the best means of stopping aggression.

In fact, economic sanctions were quite effective at promoting American

# SANCTIONS DON'T WORK

COMMENTARY



HAITI

## WHY SANCTIONS ARE IMPOSED

### NORTH KOREA

- To arrest the development of nuclear weapons.

### SERBIA

- To protest acts of aggression against Bosnia.

### HAITI

- To protest human rights violations.

## WHY SANCTIONS FAIL

### NORTH KOREA

- Only works if China agrees to participate.

### SERBIA

- Greece undermines U.S. policy by continuing to supply oil and other goods for the Serbian war effort.

### HAITI

- The ruling regime was able to transfer funds out of U.S. control; the Dominican Republic refuses to police its own border with Haiti.

foreign policy interests in the early part of the 20th Century—a pattern that actually lasted right on through the post-World War II years and into the early 1970s. Economists Gary Hufbauer, Kimberly Elliott and Jeffrey Schott conducted an extensive study of sanctions for the Institute for International Economics. Entitled "Economic Sanctions Reconsidered," the 1990 study revealed that sanctions worked effectively in 18 of 35 cases during the 1947-1973 period.

In 1949-1950, for example, the

threat of economic sanctions forced the Netherlands to recognize Indonesian independence. In 1956, the United States used sanctions to pressure France and Britain to withdraw their troops from Egypt.

By the mid-70s, however, the effectiveness of economic sanctions had waned. When Hufbauer, Elliott and Schott studied the period from 1973 to 1990, they concluded that sanctions failed to contribute to U.S. foreign policy objectives in 38 of 46 cases.

Why the dramatic change?

One major reason is the evolving nature of the world economy over the past 40 years. In the period immediately following World War II, the mammoth U.S. economy accounted for almost half of world production in some key categories, giving America enormous economic influence. This changed as Europe and Japan recovered from the devastation of World War II and many developing countries rapidly industrialized. The relative

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# *The Trail TO PORTLAND*

**P**ORTLAND is a city of the dramatic and unconventional—with a mountain in its backyard, a volcano within city limits and the 24-hour Church of Elvis, where four quarters will buy you a wedding ceremony, certificate and ring, à la the King.

For Legionnaires and their families, the trail leading to the 77th National Convention, Sept. 1-7, ends in this city of 450,000 along the Willamette River in the northwest corner of Oregon.

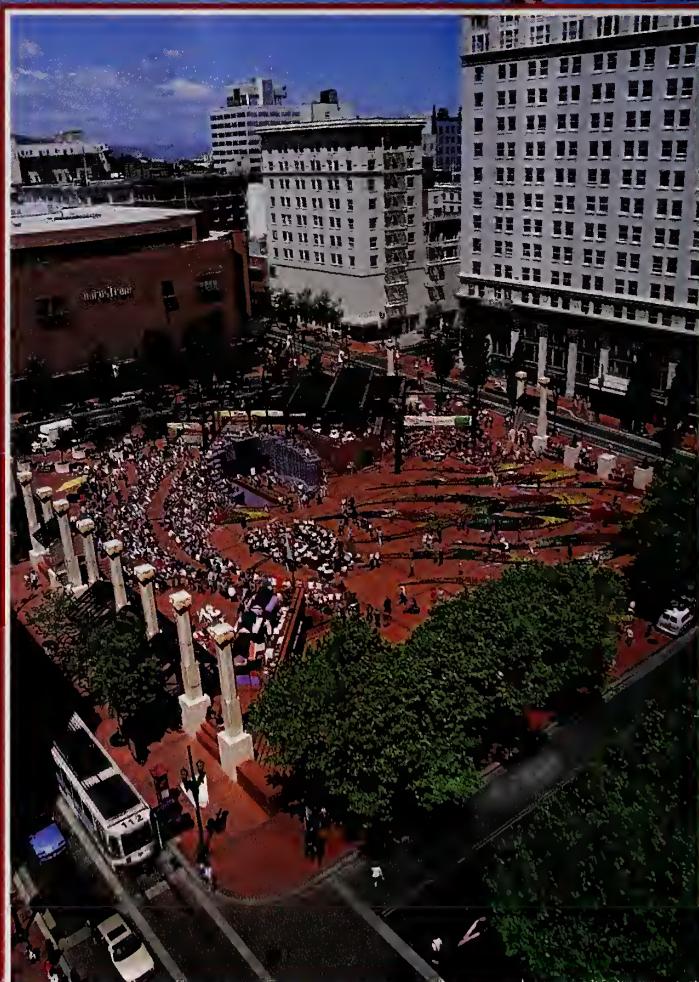
This year's convention is themed to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II. Scheduled events include a WWII film festival, tributes to the men and women who served, and other nostalgic offerings.

Portland is a place that uniquely lends itself to the reflective mood sought by convention planners. You can walk and read on the city's sidewalks, which are inscribed with famous quotes. You can take a stroll through 5,000-acre Forest Park, the nation's largest city park. Or for contrast, you can stroll over the nation's smallest dedicated park, Mill Ends Park, which is just a 24-inch square. All told, Portland has 37,000 acres of



**REEL THING**—Fly fishing at Trillium Lake near majestic Mt. Hood, above, is among the many outdoor attractions available in the Portland area.

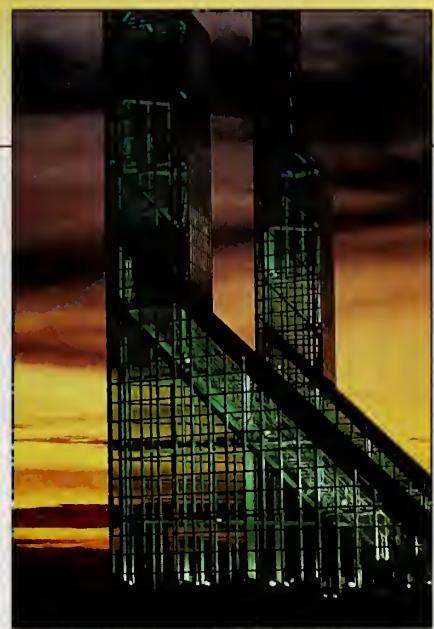
**IN TOWN**—The Pioneer Courthouse Square, right, is the heart of Portland. Local residents revere the square as the city's open-air living room.





**CENTERED—**  
Glass and steel spires, above right, tower over the Oregon Convention Center, the site of the Legion's 77th National Convention.

**WATER WAY—**  
RiverPlace, left, on Willamette River in Portland's downtown, features a marina, park, and a fantastic fountain with 100 jets.



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parks in the metro area and is the only U.S. city to have an extinct volcano, Mount Tabor, within its confines.

Or you can just sit and sip at its bevy of coffee shops and refreshment spots. Portland has more micro-breweries—they brew their beer on site—than any other U.S. city, and more restaurants and theaters per capita.

Shoppers will be glad to know that Oregon has no sales tax. Convention-goers can easily get to the downtown Galleria with its 50 shops, and the 70-shop Pioneer Place shopping complexes. There's also the Portland Saturday Market, a downtown open-air bazaar offering 280 booths of handicraft goods, food and entertainment.

For intellectual pursuits, the country's largest bookstore—Powell's Books—has 500,000 volumes on its shelves. And at the century-old Portland Art Museum, the walls are hung with paintings by Picasso, Renoir and Monet, as well as the works of Native American and Asian artists.

For those seeking a little more action, you can start your day skiing on Mount Hood 65 miles away and top it off with a whirl through Portland's night life.

Do you want to feel what it's like to be in an earthquake? Visit the world's most advanced OMNIMAX theater at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, the nation's fifth largest. Or climb aboard the *USS Blueback*, a submarine used in the filming of *The Hunt for Red October*.

The Oregon Maritime Center & Museum features a historic steamboat  
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TODAY'S

# Moral Deregulation

Traditional notions of behavior have been turned upside down so that deviancy is now normal...and normalcy is deviant.

By Charles Krauthammer

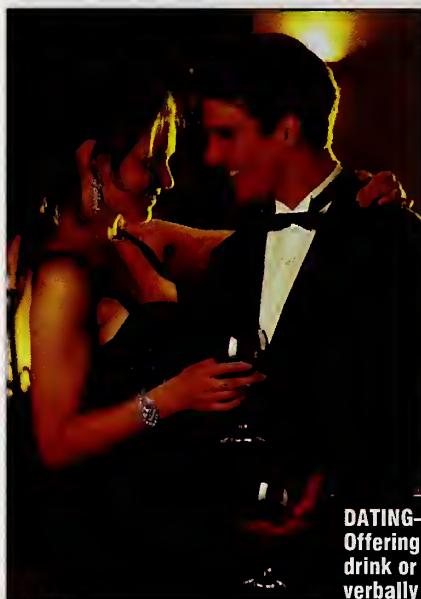
**I**N A MEMORABLE 1993 essay for *The American Scholar* entitled "Defining Deviancy Down," Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan offered a compelling view of the epidemic of criminality, family breakdown and mental illness that has come to characterize latter-day American society.

Deviancy has reached such incomprehensible proportions, argued Moynihan, that we have had to adopt a singular form of denial: We deal with the epidemic simply by defining away most of the disease.

For example, single parenthood has more than tripled since 1960. Yet, as

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the problem has grown, it has been recast as just another lifestyle choice. (Dan Quayle may have been right, but *Murphy Brown* won the ratings war.) We have also become accustomed to levels of crime that were considered intolerable 30 years ago. Homicide these days is viewed as an ineradicable part of the social landscape, much like car accidents.



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**DATING—**  
Offering a  
drink or being  
verbally  
insistent these  
days is often  
called rape.

Or consider mental illness. In 1955, New York state asylums had 93,000 patients. Last year they had 11,000. In one generation, a flood of pathetically ill people has washed onto the streets of America's cities, also becoming accepted as part of the natural landscape. We have managed to redefine them as people who simply lack affordable housing.

Moynihan's powerful point was that the "moral deregulation" of the

1960s caused an explosion of deviancy in almost all areas of public and private life. And we have dealt with it in the only way possible: by making "normal" what a more civilized and healthy society would long ago have labeled—and long ago *did* label—deviant.

Moynihan was right. But that is only half the story. There is a complementary social phenomenon that goes with defining deviancy down. In the vast project of social leveling now being undertaken with such zeal by social workers, intellectuals and the mass media, it is not enough for the deviant to be normalized.

The normal must also be found to be deviant. By so doing, the image-shapers noted above can strip the life of the bourgeois West of its respectability and moral sheen.

Therefore, while the bar defining normality has been lowered for the criminals and the crazies, the bar defining normality has been *raised* for the ordinary citizen.

Large areas of behavior hitherto considered benign have had their threshold redefined radically up. The result is that once-innocent behavior now stands condemned.

Take, for example, family life. In this bold new way of looking at things, it turns out that the traditional middle-class family is not the bedrock of social and psychic stability once claimed. Instead, it is a cauldron of pathology, a teeming source of depression and dysfunction. And at the heart of the family lies the 1990s version of original sin: child abuse.

Child abuse is both a crime and a tragedy—but is it nine times more prevalent today than 30 years ago? That is what the statistics say. In 1963, 150,000 reported cases. In 1992, 2.9 million.

Given the great strides in child-welfare reform since the 19th century—when child labor and child slavery were common—it is hard to believe that treatment of children has

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**AMORAL  
LANDSCAPE—**  
Criminality,  
homelessness and  
one-parent homes  
are now within the  
norm. Traditional  
families,  
heterosexual  
relationships and  
free speech are  
viewed as deviant.

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**The dramatic liberation of this Philippine internment camp was one of the most triumphant moments of World War II.**

**By Bill Underwood**

**E**VEN among World War II's best-known examples of military heroism and human triumph, Santo Tomás stands out. The dramatic rescue of nearly 4,000 American and Allied civilians imprisoned on a Philippine University campus perhaps best symbolizes America's role of restoring freedom for millions across the Asian continent.

For the prisoners, liberation began at dusk on Feb. 3, 1945. A U.S. Marine

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warplane swooped low over downtown Manila and dropped a goggles case into the Santo Tomás Internment Camp. "Roll out the barrel," read the coy note inside. "There's going to be a hot time in the old town tonight!"

Among the most eager recipients of the message was 18-year-old Dennis Greene. Along with his father and younger sister, Greene had been an inmate of Santo Tomás for all of the 37 hellish months the Japanese Imperial Army had occupied the Philippines. As word spread, young Greene quietly made his way to the roof of the prison camp's main building—where he stared in amazement as armored vehicles appeared in the distance.

Two days earlier, U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Henry Annasenz's unit, H Troop, 5th Cav. Rgt. of the 1st Cav. Div. had

set off on a 70-mile mad dash deep into enemy territory. The mission of the "flying column" was to liberate Santo Tomás before the long-suffering internees were killed by the cornered Japanese, who were becoming increasingly fanatical.

Now Greene looked on as the lead tank of the 44th Tank Bn., "Battlin' Basic," crashed through the ornate front gate. The "Georgia Peach" tank and Annasenz and other GIs were right behind.

It was 9 p.m. And for 3,768 starving non-combatants, deliverance from Santo Tomás was at hand.

For the Greene family, the nightmare had begun on Jan. 2, 1942, a mere four weeks after Pearl Harbor. The Greenes tried to flee the supposedly "open city" of Manila in their new Dodge.

# Freeing Camp



**CIVILIANS—**  
The Japanese held 4,000 U.S. and Allied civilian prisoners on the grounds of the University of Santo Tomás in Manila. Far left, jubilant internees cheer as a U.S. Flag is unfurled. Center, GIs protect internees from retreating Japanese troops. Near left, prisoners were barely given enough food to survive.

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# Santo Tomás

"We drove right into the Japanese Army," recalls Greene, just 15 at the time. "They were marching in as we were trying to get out." The trio was detained, but managed to return home in the commotion.

For their second escape attempt, the Greenes disguised themselves as Filipino laborers and piled into an old car. When the ruse came undone at a Japanese road block, the family was taken directly to the University of Santo Tomás. Three-quarters of the "enemy aliens" crammed into the 50-acre campus were U.S. citizens.

Conditions were miserable to start and steadily worsened. There were no beds at the outset, and few toilets. In three years, says Greene, "I don't think I ever just walked into a bathroom" without waiting in line. "Close your

eyes if you want privacy" became a running joke.

Malnutrition was always the chief hardship. The staple of the overtaxed camp food line was a soupy rice known as *lugaw*. The ladles used in the food line grew ever smaller, remembers Greene, who always kept a spoon tucked in his belt in case any morsel was overlooked.

**C**ONDITIONS deteriorated further in February 1944, when the Japanese military took direct control of Santo Tomás amid mounting war losses. New off-limits areas were created. Mug shots with serial numbers were taken, and prisoners were forced to sign pledges promising not to escape.

Twice-daily standing roll calls were often supervised by the harsh Lt.

Abiko, who instructed inmates in the newly mandatory art of bowing to their captors. Abiko's forced labor projects were expanded, though one involving a camp moat was thankfully dropped.

Disease ran rampant due to the meager diet and dismal sanitation. The Greenes supplemented their *lugaw* with red ants—or stray cats, the latter through an arrangement with an interned physician.

"I would catch the cat, the doctor would skin it and my father would cook it," says Greene. Because Greene's sister refused to dine on feline, he and his father donated their food line rations to her.

Hope arrived in September 1944 with U.S. air raids on Manila. News of the key American landing on Leyte Island in October prompted the quip, "Better Leyte than never." The agitated Japanese troops dug bomb shelters. They staged bayonet practice by day and blacked out the camp at night.

"We knew the Japanese were losing the war," Greene says, "but we were getting it worse than ever." Four members of the camp's internee committee were secretly beheaded in January 1945. That month alone, 32 internees died, double December's total.

With the food line providing barely

# Santo Tomás



**DAILY MEAL**—A mother cooks corn meal mush for her children. By January 1945, the camp was literally starving.

was burning," says Annasenz.

But at the Santo Tomás Internment Camp, cries of "The boys are back! The boys are back!" were accompanied by cheering, weeping and spontaneous singing of "God Bless America."

However, the celebration was premature. All of Santo Tomás was not yet free.

Eyewitness accounts paint a vivid picture of a fierce Lt. Abiko emerging from the education building, where more than 50 Japanese were barricaded. He lunged forward while reaching for a suicide grenade in his shoulder pouch. An alert Army major grabbed a GI's carbine and shot Abiko through the stomach without aiming. Internees kicked and spit on the hated guard, who, the story has it, was buried face down in mud.

**A**BIKO'S dramatic demise still didn't put an end to the ordeal for some long-suffering internees. It was not until after tank cannons began to blast away at the three-story education building that anyone realized that over 200 people—Greene's father among them—were being held hostage inside. A tense standoff ensued, during which the elder Greene escaped from the top floor of the stucco building using a homemade rope of knotted cloth. He fell due to his weakened condition and was not located among the wounded for three days.

Finally, 36 hours after the shelling began, the camp was liberated. The mission had been accomplished by

fewer than 200 GIs and a relative handful of tanks—and a few ad hoc conscripts. Greene and a fellow teenage volunteer braved Japanese rifle fire during a foot raid on the camp's rice storehouse. Today, as a result, he goes by the nickname of "Banzai" at annual reunions of Santo Tomás survivors, where the incident is referred to as "The Charge of the Rice House."

Though Santo Tomás had been freed, the Battle of Manila would rage for another month, thanks to 16,000 diehard Japanese naval troops who massacred thousands of Filipino civilians before making their own suicide stand. Greene went out on perimeter patrols and worked as a stretcher-bearer, bringing the bodies of "dozens and dozens" of U.S. soldiers back into the camp. "I remember thinking what great-looking American boys these were and how we just piled them up," says Greene, who later served in the Korean War.

The remaining Japanese holdouts were escorted out of Santo Tomás at daybreak on Feb. 5; they had been allowed to keep their swords and sidearms in exchange for freeing the hostages. Sgt. Dan Balkin, an Army medical artist and photographer, entered the camp that day to document internee health and living conditions.

"An almost immediate, physical change seemed to come over them," says Balkin, describing the curative power of freedom. For internees and GIs alike, he says, the liberation of Santo Tomás generated a "tremendous feeling of being part of something great." □

700 calories per day, adult males dropped to an average weight of 112 pounds. By the time Sgt. Annasenz came ashore at Luzon's Lingayen Gulf on Jan. 27, Santo Tomás was literally starving to death. "We had never heard of Santo Tomás," said Annasenz, part of a crack machine-gun unit with H Troop, 5th Cav. Rgt., 1st Cav. Div. "We were just told to drive into Manila and liberate some prisoners."

Despite stiff resistance, the armored column charged through Japanese lines on Feb. 1, well ahead of the main force. By Feb. 3, the determined cavalrymen had become the first GIs to re-enter the Philippine capital.

Methodically blowing up buildings as it retreated, the Japanese Army was razing the 800-year-old city once known as the "Pearl of the Orient."

"It was so bright that you could have read a newspaper that night," recalls Annasenz, who would earn a Purple Heart the next day and another the following month. "The whole city

**REUNION**—Left to right, SSgt. Henry Annasenz, a camp liberator; Dennis Greene, a prisoner; and Sgt. Dan Balkin, an Army medical artist.



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# GARDNER WINS, VA LOSES

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ETERANS who have been injured by VA surgery or other medical treatment for non-service-connected problems may be eligible for service-connected compensation, the Supreme Court has ruled.

In *Gardner vs. Brown*, the court held Dec. 12 that veterans are entitled to VA service-connected disability benefits if they are injured "as a result of hospitalization, medical or surgical treatment, or while pursuing vocational rehabilitation."

VA Secretary Jesse Brown said the Supreme Court's decision has been sent to VA's General Counsel for interpretation so that new regulations can be written. VA has acknowledged that at least 8,000 veterans' claims have been on hold awaiting the Gardner decision.

The case, which has been tied up in the courts for almost five years, involves Korean War veteran Fred Gardner. Gardner claimed he experienced pain and weakness in his left leg after VA operated on him for a non-service-connected back injury. He filed for compensation but was denied by VA.

The Court of Veterans Appeals (CVA) later ruled in his

favor. VA appealed to the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, arguing that it could cost VA more than a billion dollars for claims from veterans with problems similar to Gardner's. VA also defended its 60-year statutes that said veterans had to prove fault or negligence on the part of VA.

In a scathing commentary, the court said it was not VA's concern what proper compensation might cost.

VA then took its case to the Supreme Court. In a unanimous decision, the top court affirmed the lower courts' decisions. Justice David A. Souter found VA's arguments "implausible," and said that nowhere in the applicable law does the word "fault" even appear.

"What the courts have really done here is open the door to potential future challenges of VA's statutes that may or may not have been based on law," says Chet Stellar, chairman of the Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission. "The Gardner case may only be the beginning."

Veterans who believe they may have a claim against VA for injuries received while undergoing VA treatments or while pursuing training under vocational rehabilitation should contact their American Legion Service Officer.

## VEAP Refund

Veterans who participated in the Veterans Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) from 1977 to 1985 may have refunds coming if they didn't use all of their education benefits.

GIs contributed to the VEAP program through payroll deductions and had to use their VEAP benefits within 10 years of discharge. Unlike funds provided through the Montgomery GI Bill, VEAP money not used by the veterans is refundable.

This is important because VA currently has more than a quarter-billion dollars in the VEAP coffers—money unclaimed and unused—and the 10-year time limit runs out this year.

VA has the names of 308,416 veterans eligible for VEAP refunds but doesn't know how to reach them. According to VA, the average refund due VEAP veterans is \$817.

By law all money not refunded must be turned over to the government's general fund.

If you think you are eligible for a refund, contact your nearest VA Regional Office finance center. The toll free number to get more information is (800) 827-1000.

## Burial Benefits

Veterans or their families who need information concerning headstones or grave markers can now call the VA's National Cemetery Service hotline at (800) 697-6947, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time.

## Co-ed Basic Training

Although some critics claim co-ed basic training is proving a failure, the politically correct Army is determined to live with it. In 1993, the U.S. Army Research Institute conducted mixed-sex basic training tests at Fort Jackson, S.C., and Fort Leonardwood, Mo.

There were four test groups: one basic training company consisted of 75 percent males and 25 percent females; another had an equal number of men and women; one was all-women and one was all-male. The Army initiated the study after Congress was pressured by feminist groups to allow women into combat and combat-support roles in the military.

Trainees were interviewed after graduation. Overall, morale was high by Army definitions in all units, but highest in the all-male unit and lowest

in the all-female unit.

The institute's study determined that unit cohesion was poor overall, but especially bad for men in the two sexually integrated units. Factions within the Army are divided over how the institute defines cohesion, which the military says generally means having confidence in your buddy and your superiors. Some critics claimed the institute's questions were written in '90s jargon such as "Do you like each other?" and "Do you feel very close?"

Ray Harp of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., said the integrated training was a success. "Some aspects of the training scored better than others," Harps explained. He said the time of day, period of training and other factors determined how the troops replied to the researcher's questions. Harps added that the Army has had sexually integrated basic training for some time in selected MOSs such as chemical detection units and MPs.

The Army joins the Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard in adopting integrated basic training. Only the Marine Corps still segregates men from women in boot camp. □

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# SMITHSONIAN CANCELS ENOLA GAY EXHIBIT

**F**AIRNESS triumphed over historical revisionism on January 30 when the Smithsonian Institution Board of Regents canceled its controversial Enola Gay exhibit. Instead, the museum plans to display the famed B-29 without the script that sparked such outrage among The American Legion, members of Congress and others.

"The winners, just as they were 50 years ago, are the American people," said National Commander William M. Detweiler. However, he added, "The American Legion *still* has no solid answers to the central question remaining: How did this exhibit come to be so biased and one-sided?"

Smithsonian Secretary I. Michael Heyman admitted there was "a fundamental flaw" in the concept of the exhibition, titled "The Last Act: The Atomic Bomb and the End of World War II."

Earliest versions portrayed the Japanese as innocent victims, ignoring Japanese expansionism and atrocities, the attack on Pearl Harbor, and the Bataan Death March. The exhibit also used suspect data in second-guessing President Harry S. Truman's decision to drop the A-bomb.

The American Legion was working with the Smithsonian to create a compromise script until museum Director Martin Harwit inserted an extreme-

ly low estimate of probable American losses if an invasion of the Japanese mainland had taken place.

Most responsible estimates of American casualties in such an invasion range from a low of 260,000 to as many as a million, depending on the length of the operation; the Smithsonian decided to go with just 63,000.

A letter from 81 members of Congress to the Smithsonian called Harwit's decision "a slap in the face"

to those who tried to make the exhibit historically accurate. Heyman noted that the Smithsonian "has much to learn from this experience, [which has] gotten in the way of the commemoration of our nation's victory...."

Yet to be determined is how much of the aircraft will be displayed. The Smithsonian plans to show just the section of the fuselage containing the command center and bomb bay. The Legion would like the Enola Gay shown in its entirety. □

## FLAG AMENDMENT TO BE INTRODUCED

**T**HE Citizens Flag Alliance's pursuit of a constitutional amendment to protect the U.S. Flag from physical desecration is one step closer to reality.

At press time, Rep. Gerald B. Solomon of New York planned to introduce a resolution in January that would call

for such an amendment. Solomon's resolution would word the 28th Amendment as follows:

"The Congress and the States shall have power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States."

This wording, supported by the Citizens Flag Alliance Inc. (CFA), is similar to a bill Sen. Bob Dole of Kansas introduced in 1990. Although a majority of Congress voted for the 1990 bill, it fell short of the two-thirds needed for passage.

The Senate may begin hearings on the amendment by Flag Day, June 14. Fifty-nine senators and 282 members of the House have indicated support for such legislation, with a large percentage of supporters having already agreed to co-sponsor the amendment. For passage, the amendment needs 290 votes in the House and 67 in the Senate.



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Then, three-fourths of state legislatures must approve the amendment for final ratification.

The need to let Congress know that the people support the amendment is critical, says Daniel S. Wheeler, CFA president.

To support the CFA's campaign, Wheeler urges you to call and write your senators and representatives. In addition, the CFA is conducting a petition drive and plans to present Congress with 20 million signatures of Americans who want the U.S. Flag protected.

At press time, the CFA had collected more than 2 million signatures.

As of mid-January, 83 organizations representing more than 27 million Americans had joined CFA.

You can join the Citizens Flag Alliance, receive petitions or make a donation by calling

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## Top 10 American Legion Posts

THE FOLLOWING list represents the top 10 American Legion Posts reported by their Departments as "king-sized Posts" in membership. Thirty Posts were included in the reports as having membership of 2,000 or more in July 1994.

Post #	Location	Members
Post 3	Lincoln, Neb.	7,947
Post 435	Richfield, Minn.	4,779
Post 183	Parkville, Md.	4,694
Post 251	Robbinsdale, Minn.	4,251
Post 110	Port Charlotte, Fla.	3,641
Post 1	Omaha, Neb.	3,500
Post 83	Sandusky, Ohio	3,046
Post 42	Hagerstown, Md.	2,817
Post 159	Venice, Fla.	2,766
Post 136	Greenbelt, Md.	2,759



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# Detweiler Makes Historic Visit To Vietnam

**T**RADE between Vietnam and America must not be resumed until we learn the fates of our missing servicemen, said National Commander William Detweiler after his historic trip to Vietnam in December.

Detweiler is the first American Legion National Commander to visit Vietnam since the end of the war. He met with Vietnamese officials in Hanoi

and Ho Chi Minh City to discuss American POW/MIA.

"The American Legion believes the Vietnamese government has information and documentation about the fates of our MIAs and POWs," said Detweiler, a Vietnam-era veteran.

Detweiler and Nguyen Hong Linh, Vietnam's head of the Office for Seeking Missing Personnel in Ho Chi Minh City, visited an excavation site near Cu Chi,

where sightings of remains have been reported.

In Hanoi, he participated in repatriation ceremonies for eight sets of remains thought to be those of U.S. servicemen. "It was an honor to observe and participate in the ceremony, and it serves as a sobering reminder of why this issue must be settled," Detweiler said.

The commander's week-long trip to the Far East included stops in Thailand,

South Korea, Okinawa, Taiwan, the Philippines and Hawaii. While in the Philippines, National Commander Detweiler met with President Fidel Ramos and discussed national security and U.S. citizenship for Filipinos who served in World War II. □

## Legion Founder Dukmejian Dies

**O**NE OF three remaining American Legion Founders, Vahan Dukmejian, died Nov. 20. He was 101.

Born in Turkey in 1893, Dukmejian emigrated to America in 1913 and joined the Marine Corps during World War I. After his discharge, he traveled to Paris to visit family. While there, he attended the organizing meeting of The American Legion in March 1919.

He was one of the first members of Paris Post 1 but transferred his membership to Post 417, East Setauket, N.Y., where he was a member for 76 continuous years.

A former stamp dealer and resident of East Setauket, Dukmejian moved to the Long Island State Veterans' Home at Stony Brook in 1992.

He is survived by his daughter, Neva Dukmejian, son, Mihran, and several grandchildren.

Dukmejian's death leaves just two remaining Founders of The American Legion: George Washington Bentley of Minneapolis, Minn.; and John T. Gable of Hartford City, Ind. □

## GET YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUCKS IN A ROW



MEMBERSHIP FLOCK—With a little help from a ducky friend, "Quack," the Membership and Post Activities Committee announced a new recruitment incentive program.

**D**EPARTMENTS can cruise or waddle their way through this year's National Convention. It all depends on membership.

As a membership incentive program, each Department with the highest percentage of membership in its Big 12 Category will be provided limousine service during the National Convention. The second-highest Department in each category will be given a mid-sized rental car for use throughout the convention, while the Department that comes in third will receive cab-fare tokens.

Legionnaires at the convention will

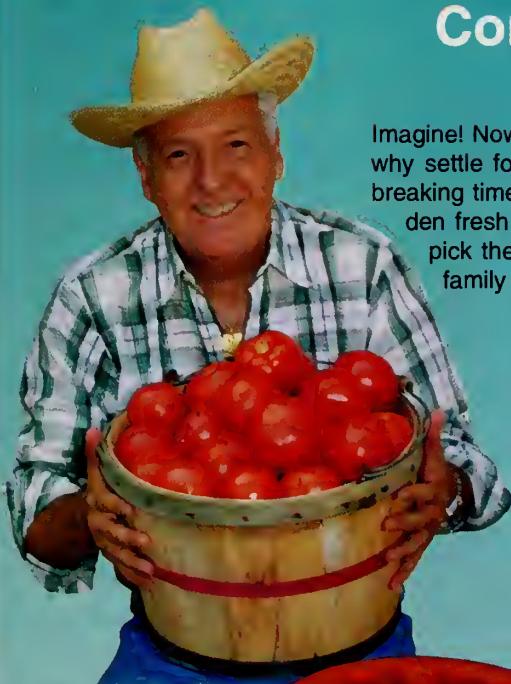
also know which Departments need to get their membership ducks in a row—so to speak. The Department coming in next to last will "win" a stuffed duck that must be carried throughout the convention. The Department in last place will be required to carry a live duck around in a cart, and prominently display it at the convention parade and on the convention floor during business sessions.

Complete with a furry, human-sized duck named "Quack," the incentive program was introduced at the Membership and Post Activities meeting last January in Indianapolis. □

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## FLAG BURNINGS CONTINUE

**A**S THE Citizens Flag Alliance's campaign to protect the Flag briskly moves ahead, an often-heard rebuttal is, "No one is burning the Flag, so this is a non-issue."

"Whether Flags are being burned or not is irrelevant," says Citizens Flag Alliance President Daniel S. Wheeler. "When it does happen, it should be a crime. However, Flags have been desecrated and the media often overlooks it."

For example, protesters burned flags during Desert Storm and again after the Gulf War. In Cleveland, Ohio, one anti-war demonstrator came to a welcome-home celebration for Gulf War veterans and burned the Flag. She was arrested and charged with Flag desecration and assault as a result of

a scuffle with several people who tried to save the Flag.

The Ohio State Supreme Court ruled that she was not only within her constitutional rights when she burned the Flag, but she could not be charged with assault because the people trying to stop her were interfering with those rights.

And how did the protester celebrate after the Ohio court found in her favor? She burned another Flag on the steps of the court house and walked away free.

The week before last November's elections, there was another Flag burning in San Diego, Calif. A group protesting Proposition 187, the state's controversial attempt to curtail illegal immigration, began by attacking the driver of a pick-up truck. They beat on the truck, smashing its

windshield. Then they burned a Flag. As they were dousing a second Flag with lighter fluid, a young man snatched the Flag from their hands. The crowd attacked the young man—beating him as he fell to the ground clutching the Flag. His wallet and car keys were stolen before police could intervene.

"This is an issue that we as Americans must address," says Wheeler. □

fied that the Service Members Occupational Conversion and Training Act should be used to place all veterans in permanent positions, not seasonal jobs. (House Veterans Affairs Education, Training and Employment Subcommittee).

**Entitlements Reform.** Supported fixing out-of-control programs and opposed across-the-board caps on entitlements. Told Congress not to single out veterans for budget cuts. (Presidential Bi-Partisan Commission on Entitlement and Tax Reform).

**Gulf veterans' ailments.** Urged an in-depth probe into the causes of the diverse illnesses showing up among Gulf War veterans so that VA health care can be authorized and these veterans can get the care they deserve. (Armed Services Force Requirements and Personnel Subcommittee). □

### THE LEGION IN CONGRESS

**Transitional Assistance Program (TAP).** Urged adequate funding for the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program and the Local Veterans Employment Representatives programs. Testi-

## COMMAND PRESENCE



Post 20 of Greenwood, S.C., boasts four former Department commanders with military service spanning from World War I to Vietnam. They are from left: WWI veteran Julian White; WWII veteran William Jennings Bryan Dornand, a former congressman who served as the chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Committee; WWII veteran Pat Patterson; and Vietnam veteran Wayne B. Richey.

## LEGION CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY THIS MONTH

**S**EVENTY-SIX years ago, on March 15, 1919, WWI veterans assembled in Paris to create what is now the world's largest veterans' organization, The American Legion.

From its first-year membership of 843,013, the Legion has grown to include more than 3.1 million wartime veterans of all wars from World War I to the Gulf War.

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ASTP/BTC, 5th Rgt., 2nd Co. (Ft Benning 1944) #11422

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Battle of Khan Duc (May 10-12, 1968) All participants #13210

Camp Crowder Day (40/50's) #19148

Camp Fennin Officers, Trainees & Cedre (1943/45) #10798

Chosin Few (Army Chapter) #16532

Christmas Island Task Force-APO 915 (WWII) #14148

CID Agents Assn.Inc. #10002

GENED (Gen. Eng. Dist.) HQ, (Manila 1945-46) #12085

Infantry OCS Alumni Assn. #15831

Jolly Green Assn. #13704

LST-846 (USS Jennings County 64/67) #12763

National Counter Intelligence Corps Assn (NCICA) #10935

Nat'l Assn. of Atomic "Crossroads" Veterans #14412

OCS Class 302 (Fort Benning Ga 1943) #12339

OCS Class 38, Ft. Benning, GA (52) #19199

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PIO Section, 4th Arm'd Div. (1964-66) #13435

Sugamo Prison Reunion Assn. (Tokyo 1946/52) #21680

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XIII Corps Assn. (WWII) #15530

XXIV Corps, HQ Co. (Oahu, HI WWII) #11306

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110th NCB #18030

119th NCB Seabees (WWII) #28275

135th NCB (WWII) #18584

136th NCB #18432

143rd NCB, Adv. Base Const. Dpt. (WWII, Cal- ifornia Isl. Philippines) #17853

301st NCB #19160

A5/RASC "Vigilante Community" #13559

ACORN-28 #19295

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ACORN-7 #21082

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ARSD-60: Banka, Solomon Islands #10531

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Base Hospital 15 (Manus Island, Navy 3205

1944/46) #17605

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Boot Camp Co. 419 (Farragut, Idaho, 1943)

#16244

CAG-15-15 (1945/49) #18636

CASU-11 (Guadalcanal) #14902

CASU-14 (F) (Saipan 45/46) #19150

CASU-14 (WWII) #21510

CASU-16 & 17 (Tarawa 1943/44) #11278

CASU-38 (WWII) #12664

CASU-42, CASU-12 #22326

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CPO's of Johnson Isle (46/47) #19272

CUB-10, NOB-311 (Hollandia, New Guinea WWII) #18673

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Flying Midshipmen Assn. (1946-50) #17513

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Hospital Corpsmen, Amer. Assn. of (AAONHC) #13123

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LCI (G) 439 #17354

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 VP/VPB-214 Patrol Sq. WWII #19098  
 VP/VPB-23 (1944-45) #13477  
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so markedly deteriorated in a single generation. Plainly it hasn't. The culprit is an epidemic of over-reporting.

Another factor here is the change in societal attitudes toward corporal punishment. What was discipline a mere generation ago is now considered mistreatment—potentially criminal mistreatment at that.

Beyond the numbers and definitions, there is a new ideology of child abuse. Committed to a belief in the pervasiveness of abuse, the helping professions have encouraged a massive crusade to find cases—and where they cannot be found, to invent them. Whereas Freud believed that the perceived psychosexual traumas of childhood were fantasy, today's fashion is that the fantasies are true.

Consider this advice from one of the more popular self-help books on sex abuse, *Courage to Heal*: "If you are unable to remember any specific instances [of childhood sex abuse] . . . but still have a feeling that something abusive happened to you, it probably did." And: "If you think you were abused and your life shows the symptoms, then you were." In a culture in which the airwaves are saturated with lurid tales of child abuse, it is not hard to suggest to vulnerable people that their problems are caused by long-ago abuse, indeed, even unremembered abuse.

"Some contemporary therapists," writes professor and memory expert Elizabeth Loftus, "have been known to tell patients, on the basis of a suggestive history or 'symptom profile,' that they definitely had a traumatic experience. The therapist then urges the patient to pursue the recalcitrant memories."

This new psychology reinforces current notions about the pathology of conventional family life. Nowadays, neurosis is the outcome not of innocent errors, but of criminal acts occurring in the very bosom of the ordinary-looking family. Child abuse is the crime waiting only to be discovered—with, of course, the proper therapeutic guidance and bedtime reading. It is the dirty little secret behind the white picket fence.

Let us now look at a second pillar of everyday life, the customary heterosexual mating game. An entire catego-

ry of human behavior that until recently was considered normal has been redefined to render much of it "deviant."

Once again we start with a real offense: rape. But rape used to be understood as involving the use of, or threat of, force.

No longer. "Some 47 percent of women are victims of rape or attempted rape...and 25 percent of women are victims of completed rape." So asserts law professor and feminist author Catherine McKinnon on a national television news special. Assertions of this sort are commonplace. The most famous and widely reported study of the alleged rape epidemic was done by Mary Koss for *Ms.* magazine. Her survey of 6,159 college students found that 15 percent had been raped and another 11 percent subjected to attempted rape.

If those numbers sound high, they are, at least in the context of all established statistical benchmarks. As Neil Gilbert points out in *The Public Interest*, the FBI has taken numbers compiled under the Unified Crime Reporting Program and suitably multiplied them to account for presumed unreported cases. The result is an incidence of rape somewhere around one in a thousand.

As for the college campus, reports from 2,400 campuses mandated by the Student Right to Know and Campus Security Act of 1990 showed fewer than 1,000 rapes for 1992. For the record, that is about one-half rape per campus, per year.

How does one explain the vast discrepancy between the real numbers and the fantastic numbers that have entered the popular imagination? Easy. Deviancy has again been redefined up. Rape has been expanded by Koss and other researchers to include behavior that you and I would not recognize as rape. And not just you and I, either—often, the supposed victims *themselves* do not recognize it as rape. In the *Ms.* study, three-quarters of the women Koss labeled as rape victims did not consider themselves to have been raped. Fully 42 percent had further sexual relations with the so-called rapist.

Now women who have been raped do not generally go back for more sex with their assailants. Something is wrong here. What is wrong is the extraordinarily loose definition of rape, a definition whose cornerstone is the idea of "verbal coercion."

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"Nonviolent Sexual Coercion" chapter in *Acquaintance Rape: The Hidden Crime*, (John Wiley, 1991): "We define verbal sexual coercion as a woman's consenting to unwanted sexual activity because of a man's verbal arguments, not including verbal threats of physical force." With rape so dramatically redefined up—to include offering a drink or being verbally persistent—it is no surprise that the result is an apparent epidemic of so-called sexual deviancy.

Which brings us to the third great area of the new deviancy: thought crimes.

Again we begin with true deviance, the violent discrimination of the kind once carried out by the Ku Klux Klan and perpetuated today by various skin-head groups and others. These crimes are outlawed, of course. But now that overt discriminatory actions have been criminalized and are routinely punished, the standards have been ratcheted up again. The project is to identi-

fy prejudiced thinking, instincts, anecdotes, attitudes.

A University of Michigan student who offers the opinion in class that homosexuality is an illness, finds himself hauled before a formal university hearing on charges of harassing students on the basis of sexual orientation.

The irony here is that homosexuality was itself considered deviant not long ago. But now that it has been declared a simple lifestyle choice, those who are not current with the new definitions, and have the misfortune to say so in public, are themselves accused of deviancy.

There is, of course, the now-famous case of the University of Pennsylvania student who called a group of rowdy black sorority sisters "water buffaloes" for making noise outside his dorm in the middle of the night. He was charged with racial harassment. A host of learned scholars was then assigned the task of locating the racial underpinnings of the term; they could find none.

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The university offered the young man a plea bargain: Proceedings would be stopped if he confessed the error of his ways and allowed himself to be re-educated through a "program for living in a diverse community environment."

Meanwhile, the psychotic raving in the middle of Broadway is free to rave.

One kind of deviancy we are prepared to live with, the other kind we are not. Indeed, one kind—psychosis—we are hardly prepared to call deviancy at all.

As Moynihan observed, it is now part of the landscape.

And so the rationalization of deviancy reaches its inevitable conclusion. The deviant is declared normal. And the normal is unmasked as deviant.

The project of moral leveling, long a consuming passion of those who preach the creed of diversity at all costs, is complete: What real difference is there between us after all?

And that is the point. Defining deviancy up, like defining deviancy down, is an adventure in moral equivalence. Because once it becomes, to use Catherine McKinnon's words, "difficult to sustain the customary distinctions between pathology and normalcy," the moral superiority to which normalcy pretends vanishes.

Defining deviancy up also serves a psychological need. If defining deviancy down creates the feeling that deviant behavior has disappeared because it is now "normal," then defining deviancy up creates more manageable deviancies that we can fight when we feel helpless in the face of challenging social problems.

Amid an explosion of brutality in the streets, for example, we satisfy our crime-fighting needs with a crusade against date rape.

As an added bonus, defining deviancy up creates a higher, more malleable class of offender. The guilt-ridden executive, the vulnerable college student, is a far easier object of social control than the hardened criminal or the raving lunatic.

These new crusades do nothing, of course, about real crime or lunacy. But they leave us feeling that we are making inroads on deviancy, nonetheless. Having given up on fighting the real thing, we can't give up the fight. So we fight the new deviancy with a sometimes-satisfying vigor.

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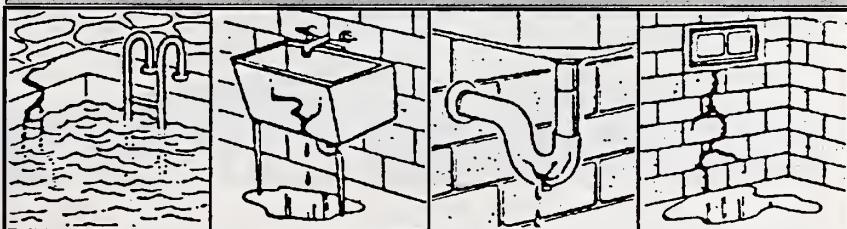
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## THE RHINE

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promise of moving swiftly across northern Germany, crisscrossed as it was by numerous rivers and canals.

By midday March 8, there were 8,000 GIs across. Two days later engineers built the first of six heavy pontoon bridges that would bring GIs over the Rhine. Meanwhile the Germans continued to attack the bridge at Remagen with their new Messerschmitt 262 jets, V-2 rockets fired from Holland, and even frogmen. But the weakened bridge remained standing for 10 days. When it finally collapsed, it took 28 American lives with it.

Five days later, under cover of darkness, Patton sneaked his men across the Rhine at Oppenheim, near Metz. He did it without any preliminary artillery or air barrage—or fanfare. In fact, Patton phoned Bradley and told him he'd like to keep it that way. "There are so few krauts around, they don't know it yet." The next day, March 23, Montgomery unleashed Operation Plunder with, Patton scoffed, "the usual roar of publicity and fawning acclaim."

And self-serving inaccuracy. The British Broadcasting Corporation announced the crossing as the first over the Rhine since Napoleon in 1803. "In reality," Bradley wrote in his memoirs, "Monty was third."

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Another must-see is the Grotto, also called the National Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother, a 62-acre Catholic sanctuary and one of Portland's most visited attractions. A colorful floral garden leads to the marble replica of Michelangelo's *Pieta*, carved into the base of a 110-foot cliff.

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For those who would rather sit than walk, the open-air Samtrak Excursion Train carries passengers along the Willamette River and through a scenic wildlife refuge. Tour boats also cruise the Willamette and Columbia rivers.

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# TRUE LIES

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## II, Korea and the Cold War?

**A.** The American people didn't understand what was going on during the other wars. I think there were some people in our government who knew that prisoners were being held and exploited, but that information was never made available to the public. For those still missing from World War II, Korea and the Cold War, the trail has grown cold and as POWs, their life expectancy would be reaching the maximum limit even if they were getting good care. But a young man, captured at 18 in Vietnam in 1972, wouldn't be that old. And the Vietnamese have a long history of detaining people after wars. That just increases the odds that U.S. POWs would be held.

**Q.** What evidence suggests that the United States left GIs behind in Vietnam?

**A.** Certain intelligence reports we had in 1975 when we evacuated

Saigon were never investigated. Also, remains we've received since the war show that the individual was actually captured.

And in some cases, our records show they went down in a plane crash, but their remains showed no signs of trauma.

There are also satellite photos of distress signals near prisons where we know American prisoners were detained. The only way the U.S. government has dismissed these photographs is by saying they appear to be natural phenomena.

They seem to discount the fact that U.S. pilots were trained to try to make their distress signals look like natural phenomena, otherwise they would be compromised and moved to another camp or even executed. You have to consider that a man smart enough to fly a high-performance aircraft is going to be smart enough not to make his symbol look man-made.

We've also had signal intercepts by other countries—Thais, for example. But we don't count them because they weren't actually intercepted by U.S. personnel, and the Thais didn't keep the actual tape recordings of the intercepts. But these Thais were trained by the United States.

**Q.** How do communist countries deal with POWs?

**A.** The POW/MIA issue is a political, intelligence and economic matter controlled by the communist party in countries such as North Korea and Vietnam.

Prior to World War II, prisoners were held for two primary reasons: to prevent them from returning to the battlefield and as a source of labor for the war effort. But toward the close of World War II, communist countries like the USSR began to look at POWs as a source of technology. And also as bargaining chips to gain political and economic concessions from other countries.

North Korea's communist party follows these policies and so does Vietnam's. American intelligence agencies have been slow to recognize the way communist countries deal with POW/MIA. We're now finding that some of our men were held as long as 25 years in captivity and we were never even informed that they were captured.

**Q.** Have we learned any lessons from our dealings with the POW/MIA issue?

**A.** Over the past 26 years, from 1968 to the present day, the United States has not learned many lessons. That's a hard thing to say. But if we look back on the Vietnam War we can see that although we had a half-million men under arms at any particular time and the latest technology, we have never—even to this day—been able to integrate the experience with the intelligence and the resources. We've failed in the search for POW/MIA because at times it was controlled by people in intelligence who have never been on the ground and do not understand this type of mission. It's hard for an analyst to do a good job if he has never been in the area and does not understand the people, the language or the culture. This goes for planning the missions all the way up to going on the ground to investigate cases. I think that's been our shortcoming over the years.

That was borne out by the fact that while there were 119 rescue missions during the Vietnam War, we only rescued four people. These missions were failures.

**Q.** Has the United States gotten any better at searching for POW/MIA?

**A.** We have never ever investigated a live-sighting report in Vietnam

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in which we did not inform the Vietnamese far in advance.

We told the Vietnamese the location where we were going. We gave them the circumstances of the sighting and allowed them to send their security personnel to escort our people in a carnival-type setting.

We even sent in a cold investigator to do the majority of the live-sighting reports and the guy was an Arabic language instructor at the Air Force Academy. They sent him over there for one year to quickly investigate the reports and rubber-stamp them. They gave him a promotion and a medal and they sent him back home.

It was just a sham operation. The families know that; everyone who is involved in it knows that.

**Q. What about the job done by the Senate Select Committee on POW/MIA Affairs?**

**A.** Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, chairman of the Senate committee, went over to Vietnam to check out the sincerity of the Vietnamese. They even lied to him. They moved American prisoners—American citizens in Vietnamese prisons, not POWs—out of camps a day before the senator arrived and moved them back two days after he left. I guess the senator was too embarrassed to admit it when he found that out. But at the time, he thought he was getting genuine access, and that's a farce.

Every time committee member and former POW Sen. John McCain of Arizona came through Bangkok or Hanoi, he would make it a point to ask me a series of questions. Whenever I appeared at the hearings, he would ask those same questions over again. In effect, I was giving him the answers he wanted to hear. Questions that would result in answers he did not want to hear were never raised again. It was almost impossible to raise those types of questions during the hearing. I got the impression that the Senate Select Committee was predisposed from the very beginning to quickly resolve that issue for the purpose of doing trade and conducting business affairs with Vietnam.

**Q. What questions and answers did the Senate committee avoid?**

**A.** Vietnamese motivation for having kept prisoners after the war; whether or not our government swapped prisoners with Vietnam during the war; whether or not the South Vietnamese government with our knowledge failed to return all the

communist prisoners after the war; whether or not in jointly manned U.S.-funded facilities we secretly held communist prisoners beyond the terms of the agreement; whether or not the live-sighting reports were correlated to specific individuals; whether we failed to respond to those reports during the last few years of the war; whether or not we're going out to dig up crash sites when we know in advance they have already been excavated and there is absolutely nothing there.

It is also possible that some members of the committee wanted the live-prisoner issue out of the way so the President would have political cover to lift the trade embargo. [Despite Legion opposition, President Clinton lifted the U.S. economic embargo on Vietnam last year in return for Vietnam's "cooperation" on the POW/MIA issue.] The committee also steered away from any testimony that would force discussion on American businesses having illegal contacts with the Vietnamese government before they were authorized to do so by the White House.

**Q. Our troop morale depends on every GI believing that he or she will never be left behind. How can**

**our nation deliver on that promise?**

**A.** We need to put experienced people in charge of the POW/MIA issue—people who speak the languages and understand the cultures of the regions where we have MIAs. We need to seek the fullest possible accounting of our POW/MIAs from all our wars and admit the mistakes we have made.

America left men behind after its wars. It's time we face up to that and make sure we don't make the same mistakes again. So far, as the decision to lift the embargo shows, our nation doesn't seem willing to do that.

Since we lifted the embargo on Vietnam, there has been little genuine progress on the POW/MIA issue. Mr. Aldrich H. Ames, the CIA official who spied for the Soviets, was convicted after being held responsible for the deaths of 10 foreign agents working for the U.S. government. But some of our officials involved in the POW/MIA issue may ultimately be responsible for the deaths of some 305 GIs who were last known to be alive in Indochina.

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# SANCTIONS

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size of the American economy dramatically declined, as did our relative economic power and muscle. With so many nations so much less dependent on American goods and services, sanctions imposed by Washington today have far less punch than they did 40 years ago.

Sanctions are also less effective now because of the ways in which they are used. Traditionally, they were imposed to pressure allies or serve as a low-key form of warfare against an enemy. Increasingly today they are undertaken for a whole range of other foreign policy objectives—objectives for which they may be ill-suited.

"Sanctions are often-times imposed simply because the President or Congress lacks the will to do anything more risky," says Sven Kraemer, who served on the National Security Council under presidents Johnson, Nixon, Ford and Reagan. "They provide a veil to hide the lack of an effective policy."

Or as Gary Hufbauer puts it, "Gov-

ernments often try to use economic sanctions as a means of conducting foreign policy on the cheap." For example, Bill Clinton criticized President Bush in the 1992 campaign for failing to deal effectively with the situation in Bosnia. But when he entered the Oval Office, he repeatedly backed down from threats to use force, arguing that sanctions "needed time" to work. A similar series of events was played out over U.S. policy toward Haiti, prior to military intervention.

**W**HAT does it take for sanctions to work? According to national security experts:

- *There must be a definable economic and political cost to the target country.*

If a country does not require large quantities of the goods being restricted, chances are sanctions will fail. Sanctions seldom change the policies of large, powerful countries because such countries can usually weather the storm. The sanctions faced by the Soviet Union throughout the Cold War did little to change Soviet behavior. The reason: America could not cut Soviet access to any critical commodities it needed to sustain itself.

Aside from an economic impact, to be effective, the sanctions must also sting politically. Authoritarian and repressive governments find it much easier to survive sanctions than democracies, which must face voters and a politically savvy middle class. Sanctions against South Africa worked to promote reform in part because the white middle class, upset at the economic burden of sanctions, expressed its frustrations at the ballot box. Saddam Hussein, on the other hand, need not fear the discontent of his citizens.

- *Sanctions must be imposed to achieve a specific, limited objective.*

Sanctions invoked to protest actions in another country almost always fail because they lack an identifiable objective for determining success. Perhaps such protests can serve as symbols of diplomatic will, but they are unlikely to achieve any constructive ends.

- *Sanctions, as with any tool, must fit the task they are assigned.*

Sanctions designed to discourage the development of nuclear weapons can prove quite effective, because restricting economic transactions can disrupt nuclear research. But imposing sanctions in response to human-rights violations is less effective—except in the ironic way that they can hurt the

poor and powerless in the target country, often the very people you are trying to help.

- *Military muscle is a critical element in enforcing sanctions.*

Even though sanctions might carry the weight of United Nations support, effective policing is essential to the success of sanctions or a blockade. If a determined country is willing to use force in an attempt to break a blockade, military units need to be available to repel such operations. Just as laws are only obeyed to the extent that the police enforce them, many countries choose to ignore sanctions if they can get away with it.

The United States remains the one key power with the military capability to enforce sanctions around the globe. Sanctions against Iraq and Serbia are less potent than they might be precisely because of America's unwillingness to aggressively enforce them. Leaders who see economic sanctions as an alternative to a robust military will learn the hard way that without effective policing, sanctions will assuredly fail.

- *Sanctions work best as a preventive measure rather than a corrective measure.*

Because they restrict current economic activity, sanctions work best when trying to deal with emerging problems, and less well after a problem has presented itself. For example, when countries are trying to acquire critical technologies to develop dangerous and destructive weapons systems, sanctions can delay their progress dramatically if they are enforced. But once those weapons systems have been acquired and/or deployed, it is difficult—if not impossible—to expect the country to give them up.

- *Sanctions must be comprehensive, including international financial transactions as well as the shipment of goods.*

Halting the shipment of goods is the most common form of sanctions. But according to Roger Robinson, a former vice president at Chase Manhattan Bank and a senior official on the U.S. National Security Council from 1982 to 1985, finances must be a central part of any sanctions if they are to have any real effect. "Money is fungible," he says, "and easily transferable. It is often the lifeblood of a regime facing international pressure."

The recent difficulty over sanctions in Haiti is a case in point. The Haitian regime was able to transfer its funds in the United States for months, gaining

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access to tens of millions of dollars that would prove useful for purchasing black-market goods to overcome sanctions. Sanctions against North Korea are also likely to fail without such a financial noose.

• *Most of the important economic and regional powers must support the sanctions effort.*

Sanctions are useless if other countries are willing to step in and fill the void. In 1980, when President Jimmy Carter imposed a grain embargo on the Soviet Union because of its invasion of Afghanistan, Argentina quickly agreed to act as an alternative supplier. In the same way, Greece has failed to honor the international embargo adopted against Serbia because of the latter's war against Bosnia. Greece continues to export oil and other goods that undermine U.S. policy.

Sanctions against Haiti have been weakened in part by its porous border with the Dominican Republic. President Joaquin Balaguer, whose country stands to gain economically from cross-border trading, has said he is unable and unwilling to police the boundary. Sanctions against North Korea will work only so long as China agrees to participate.

• *Nations that employ sanctions must be prepared to remain committed for the long haul.*

By their nature, economic sanctions can take years to have a serious effect. During this period, the coalition must remain in place to ensure continued effectiveness.

This is not always easy. For example, even though there is a consensus that sanctions imposed against Iraq must remain in place, there has been a steady erosion. In April 1994, Secretary of State Warren Christopher announced that the United States, France and the United Kingdom would end their enforcement of a naval blockade against the Jordanian port of Aqaba. A major transshipment point for Jordanian smuggling operations, Aqaba will help keep Saddam Hussein in business. Ending the blockade eliminates the easiest and most capable means available of enforcing the internationally imposed sanctions.

THOUGH it might be possible for sanctions to work under these circumstances, today they are often invoked without chance of success because they are cost-free and low-risk.

During the Carter administration, restrictions were placed on military

exports to South America to protest human-rights abuses. Even the most vocal supporters of the policy, including Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, admitted at the time that sanctions would have little effect on the behavior of dictatorial regimes. But after Carter had campaigned so aggressively and publicly on the human-rights theme, there was the need to do *something*, and sanctions were the most painless option.

Sanctions also provided a veil for opponents of U.S. military intervention in the 1991 Gulf War. Leading defense specialists such as former Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger opposed military intervention, citing sanctions as an alternative—even though the most vociferous supporters of sanctions conceded that sanctions alone would probably not compel Saddam to withdraw from Kuwait.

Like any foreign policy tool, economic sanctions can be helpful in promoting American interests and enhancing national security. But if they continue to be used as an ill-conceived substitute for meaningful action, American foreign policy will suffer.

One often-overlooked option here is covert operations. By their nature they are secret, and successes are usually not heralded. According to Mohammad Yousaf, a former deputy director of the Pakistani Intelligence Service (ISI), "the CIA made the difference in winning in Afghanistan." Perhaps covert operations ought to be considered in countries such as Bosnia and Haiti; perhaps they are already under way.

The bottom line is, sanctions can be a first resort for dealing with a crisis affecting U.S. interests. But should they fail, an alternative course of action must be available. And that means a continued commitment to a strong and effective military—a necessary tool of last resort. □

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# HORACE PIPPIN

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good left hand. It was a start, but the crude renderings failed to satisfy Pippin's creative urge. So, using the same slow and painful process—one arm supporting the other—he gradually taught himself to guide brush across canvas.

His first major effort, *The End of the War: Starting Home* (1930), took three years and 100 coats of paint to complete. It shows German soldiers emerging from trenches and surrendering to black American infantrymen. Bursting shells, planes falling from the sky, menacing barbed-wire fences and the expressionless faces of troops on both sides underscore the violence and devastation of war.

Over the next several years the artist produced other war-related images, most notable for their frank, often brutal renderings of life at the front.

The battle-scarred buildings, large shell craters and muddy soldiers' footprints in *Shell Holes and Observation*

*Balloon* (1935) replicate the mutilated terrain of the Western Front. In *Dogfight Over Trenches* (1935), GIs in a dugout watch aerial combat, depicting the time Pippin saw a German plane crash in flames, leaving its two occupants looking "like mush."

Art historian Selden Rodman, in his biography of Pippin, called these works "a cycle of war scenes that has not been approached in power by any sophisticated painter... [They] must rank among the greatest of war pictures."

**W**HILE friends and neighbors knew of Pippin's artistic efforts, no one took them seriously, much less bought any; he occasionally bartered pictures for goods or displayed them for sale for a few dollars. But the paintings did provide Pippin with a way to come to terms with the trauma of war and perhaps to purge his memory of it.

In 1937, one of his paintings was spotted in the window of a West Chester shoe repair shop by N.C. Wyeth, the renowned illustrator of Robert Louis Stevenson books. Wyeth soon helped organize a well-received show of Pippin's work. Word of this so-called primitive talent spread rapidly. Within a matter of months, with the help of an aggressive Philadelphia art dealer, Pippin's paintings were displayed in major museums.

Before long he was churning out more traditional portraits, regional landscapes, still lifes, historical vignettes, religious themes and scenes of African-American domestic life. His paintings were eagerly sought after by wealthy collectors, including such Hollywood notables as John Garfield, Charles Laughton and Edward G. Robinson.

Pippin did portraits of several veterans whom he met through Legion activities. One showed Paul B. Dague, then deputy sheriff of Chester County and later the area's congressman, in full Marine dress uniform with symbols of American Legion authority around him.

Pippin continued to live in a modest brick house in the heart of town, working at night under an unshaded light bulb in a parlor serving as a makeshift studio. Much to his chagrin, Pippin's wife continued to work as a laundress.

Neighbors remember the painter as a friendly, ordinary man with a good sense of humor, who loved to work in his garden and was relatively unchanged by his sudden national

celebrity.

The outbreak of World War II deeply troubled Pippin, who was also concerned about the persistence of bigotry in America. Though a staunch supporter of the war effort, in his painting *Mr. Prejudice* (1943), Pippin depicted the threats to national unity posed by racial discrimination on the home front and in the military. The painting showed the sinister title figure driving a wedge into a V-for-Victory sign, while an evil Ku Klux Klansman and a slave master, whip in hand, look on. Arrayed against these malevolent forces are a black Statue of Liberty, black and white machinists working in harmony, and an integrated group of military men from both world wars.

The painting's unmistakable message: Intolerance must be overcome, and the races must work together, if America was to win the war.

Inspired by his knowledge of Isaiah's biblical prophecy about the lamb and the lion lying down together, Pippin continued to convey his vision of how the world ought to be. In the foreground of three paintings of his *Holy Mountain* series, a white-robed black child, standing with a shepherd's crook, oversees a peaceful gathering of lambs, lions and other animals. Such tranquil scenes contrast with the dark woods of the background, where soldiers fight and tiny white crosses suggest military cemeteries.

Each picture bears an important date from World War II: "June 6, 1944" for D-Day; "Dec. 7, 1941," unveiled as a memorial upon the third anniversary of Pearl Harbor; and "Aug 9, 1945," the day the atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. The series expresses Pippin's profound hopes for peace and brotherhood and an end to racism.

In 1946, less than a decade after his first exhibition, Pippin died in his sleep of a stroke. He is buried in West Chester under a modest stone marker that reads:

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# COMBAT MEDICINE

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One of the highest priorities in combat medicine has been creating a sterile environment by simulating the conditions of an authentic hospital. Such risks as infection, climate control and interruption of electrical service have played havoc with the field medic's best efforts to render emergency care and follow-up. So has the threat of taking direct fire from the enemy.

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The CHATH, which somewhat resembles a bare-bones condo complex, is a model of environmental control. Its airlocks have been likened to those on a sub or spacecraft. Because air pressure inside is greater than outside, inbound contamination is forced back out.

Overall, says the Air Force's Mauger, “We'll be able to provide the same temperature control, cleanliness and electrical power that any major medical facility offers. This should result in dramatically lower mortality figures and shortened recuperation time. Not to mention markedly improved morale.”

Each CHATH encompasses 15,000 square feet and a staff of 130. In addition to two 25-bed wards, a CHATH unit has an operating room, laboratory, X-ray department, pharmacy, supply room, emergency room and other sup-

port areas for wartime casualties.

Despite its bulk, the facility is surprisingly versatile. Like building blocks or LEGOs, modular CHATH components can be arranged in assorted configurations to fit varying terrains. “Users will be able to set up their CHATH according to their needs and environment,” says Mauger, noting that set-up time is “as little as 24 hours.” Thus, troops will be able to have first-class hospitals even in some of the most remote, geographically challenging areas.

The CHATH units are to be field-tested the next two years, with Air Force-wide deployment beginning in late 1996.

## ON THE HORIZON

Today's dramatic explosion in compact medical gear is sure to continue. Now in development is a “mini-CAT scan” to replace the usual, room-sized machinery. Also in the works are low-cost disposable surgical tools to minimize concerns about field sterilization. “Soldiers have enough on their minds without worrying about the transmission of AIDS and other communicable diseases,” says Pentagon medical specialist Hart.

On the horizon are tiny robotic devices that would further improve survival rates by permitting surgery in cases where such action is now too risky to do in the field. These devices could even be controlled via satellite from Water Reed or other top military hospitals, thus assuring worldwide quality control.

Science has even produced its own special slant on the very source of life itself: *freeze-dried blood*. “It's several years down the road before they'll actually be using it,” cautions BUMED's McDonald, “but the research is going ahead full steam. So you'd be walking around with this little vial of [your type] freeze-dried blood, and you just add water.” The plan would render obsolete the hefty equipment needed to store, maintain and administer whole blood. It would also lessen questions about blood purity, a major concern among today's enlisted men and women, according to several recent studies.

Aside from new technology, there is also plenty of new thinking, most noticeably in the twin areas of disease surveillance and preventive medicine.

Deadly or debilitating microbes rank among the greatest risks to field personnel, especially in foreign theaters. A system developed by Camp Pendleton epidemiologist Hanson

keeps meticulous tabs on illnesses in the combat arena. This enables medical personnel to short-circuit outbreaks ranging from simple diarrhea to malaria to obscure diseases that might go unrecognized in the absence of Hanson's system.

More important, the emphasis on preventive medicine helps remove yet another worry from the minds of soldiers: It means reduced likelihood of illness, a probable shorter duration of illness, and less worry about what horrible bug you may catch from your comrades-in-arms.

“Combat medicine has always been very trauma-oriented: There's a wound, you stop the bleeding,” explains Hanson. “Epidemiology—the idea of analyzing relevant data on a wide-scale basis and taking steps to prevent disease—has never been a factor in the forward deployed forces.” In fact, Hanson notes, before November 1993, “there was not one preventive medicine specialist assigned to the entire Marine Corps.” Now, there are four.

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ologist's perspective. "We need every battalion to be organizing its sick call data in a certain way so there's one person noting trends throughout the entire theater, and that one person can say, 'Wow, this is something we really need to take a look at.'"

In the case of Desert Storm, the person was Hanson, who received a special medal and a \$50,000 check for continuing research from then-Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, Gen. Colin Powell.

As the foregoing suggests, the scope of research is endless and diverse. But Mauger stresses that today's progress and medical priorities are all linked by a simple, timeless imperative. "While the technology may be new," she says, "the goal is the same as it has always been—to bring all of the men and women back alive." □

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